



THE Whistle



NEWS BRIEFS

Police Department Releases Annual Safety Report

The Georgia Tech Police Department released its Annual Safety Report that catalogs statistics from the previous three years. The report is available online at:

police.gatech.edu/documents/safetyreport.pdf



Taste of Atlanta Takes over Tech Square

The annual Taste of Atlanta will bring food and chefs from more than 90 restaurants to Tech Square from Oct. 24–26. The Tech community can save \$5 off tickets with promo code TECH at tasteofatlanta.com.



Traffic will be diverted in the area as early as Thursday, Oct. 23. To plan accordingly, see details at pts.gatech.edu.

AMAC Forms New Center for Students with Disabilities

The AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center, part of the College of Architecture, earned a grant from the Department of Education, worth \$3.8 million over four years, to create the Center for Accessible Materials Innovation. The center, which will target students at minority-serving institutions, will expand access to digital content for students with disabilities, with the goal of improving retention and graduation rates. Learn more at:

c.gatech.edu/amacgrant



BRINGING YOUR WORK HOME



Alumna Hosts Art Exhibit in Stubbins Gallery

Catie Newell, a 2003 graduate of the College of Architecture, and R. Joseph Roper set up Newell's exhibit, *After Curfew*, in the Stubbins Gallery in the Architecture East building. Newell is now an assistant professor at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan. Newell's work captures spaces and material effects, focusing on the development of atmospheres through exploration of textures, volumes, and the effects of light. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 7 and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Photo by Rob Felt

Open Enrollment Begins Nov. 3

Whether or not you are changing your benefits plans this year, it's important to review your current selections and next year's options.

See Page 4 for a 2015 benefits overview.

Panel Hits on Issues facing the 'Sandwich Generation'

Caring for family poses universal challenge

KRISTEN BAILEY
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

If you fall into the group of people who are caring for an aging parent while still supporting a child, you may not realize it, but you're part of the Sandwich Generation.

This group is broadening as both the aging population grows and people have children later in life. At Tech, a panel discussion this month will address this topic and discuss the idea of "Managing Your Role as Caregiver."

"We've heard a lot of interest voiced in this topic," said Sandy Simpson, director of initiative advancement in Strategic Consulting and principal empowerment officer for the women's Employee Resource Group, where the idea for the event began. As Simpson's group explored the issue, they realized it's a universal challenge for everyone, not just women, and not just for those with elderly parents, but all who unexpectedly end up in the role of caregiver.

The panel will be made up of three professionals who

Hosts Sought to Provide 'Home for the Holidays'

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Members of the Tech community have long welcomed international students into their homes during the holidays. Now, a group of students is making it easier to connect those interested in sharing an international Thanksgiving.

Home for the Holidays is an effort to join international students not going home for Thanksgiving with faculty, staff, and other students who would be up for treating them to a festive American meal.

Last year, Brandie Banner, vice president for the undergraduate Student Government Association (SGA) and resident advisor in Housing, hosted two of her residents at her parents' Alpharetta home.

"My family loved having them and hearing about their



Photo courtesy of Claire Batten

Claire Batten (center), a student from Newnan and peer leader in Housing, invited two of her international residents to Thanksgiving at her family's home last year. "Instead of remaining on campus without any sense of family, they got to spend time with a family that was eager to meet and learn about them," Batten said. Her guests helped dress the turkey, learned about Thanksgiving, and even had the experience of holidays with a pet dog.

culture, and they kept saying how happy they were to get off campus during the break and have a taste of an American home," the civil engineering major said.

Maria Silva-Willson, a fourth-year industrial engineering major, has spent all her Thanksgiving breaks

away from her family in Venezuela. She spent the first with new friends from Tech, gathering in a dorm for a traditional menu of turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole, and pumpkin pie. They followed dinner with a

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EVENTS

ARTS & CULTURE

Through Oct. 31

The Library, in conjunction with Project One, hosts retroTECH, an exhibit showcasing treasured technology pieces from Tech faculty, students, and staff.
library.gatech.edu

Through Nov. 7

The College of Architecture inaugurates its newly renovated Stubbins Gallery in the Architecture East Building with *After Curfew*, an exhibition of the work of alumna Catie Newell. Newell's work captures spaces and material effects, focusing on the development of atmospheres through exploration of textures, volumes, and the effects of light. The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.
coa.gatech.edu

Through Dec. 12

The American Museum of Papermaking sponsors the exhibition *Selections from Hand Papermaking Journal's Portfolios*, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.
ipst.gatech.edu/amp

SEMINARS & LECTURES

October 15

The Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy hosts Isa Afacan of Turgut Ozal University in Turkey for a discussion on "Refugees, ISIS, and State Collapse in the Middle East" from 10 – 11 a.m. in Room 1116E, Klaus Advanced Computing Building.
cistp.gatech.edu

October 27

Talks@Tech hosts Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service Admiral Mike Rogers. Rogers will speak about his personal background and issues currently facing the Agency, as well as answer questions, in Room 152 of the Clough Commons from 5 to 6 p.m.
c.gatech.edu/mikerozers

TRAINING

October 15

The Event Coordinators' Network hosts its 2014 Vendor Showcase. Meet with and learn about approved vendors and the latest event trends from rental companies, caterers, florists, and others, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alumni House.
www.specialevents.gatech.edu/event-coordinators-network

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Campus News

Central, North Campus See Improvements

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John Caddell, who graduated from Tech with a degree in building construction in 1952, went into the construction business "because you get to see the results of what you've done." He'll get that gratification on campus with the completion of his namesake building.

The School of Building Construction is getting a new home in the center of campus thanks to a gift from Caddell and his wife Joyce. Demolition on the current facility began in August, and construction should be finished in February 2015.

"Our gift will lead to an increase in both the size and quality of the program's facilities, and hopefully that will translate into a stronger

educational experience and even better career prospects for our graduates," Caddell said.

With demolition complete, interior framing has begun.

OTHER PROJECTS

Projects at the Chapin Building, Price Gilbert Grove, and inside Tech Tower are also in progress. Between Ferst Drive and 10th Street, two other areas are under construction.

Atlantic Drive Promenade and Engineered Biosystems Building

The stretch of Atlantic Drive between Ferst Drive and 10th Street will eventually become a full-fledged pedestrian thoroughfare. The north section, from 10th Street to the North Campus Parking Deck, is now closed during construction. Access for service and emergency vehicles, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic will be rerouted to either State Street or Fowler Street. Connectivity

between the BioTech Quad and the North Campus Parking deck will remain, but the entrance to the deck will move to the south end of the deck. Construction is scheduled for completion in February 2015.

The promenade is being phased in during construction of the Engineered Biosystems Building (EBB). Inside EBB, interior buildout is underway, and the building is still on track to be finished in spring 2015.

Russ Chandler Stadium

Funds from a baseball team alumnus will be used to improve the stadium's clubhouse spaces. Demolition of the areas is now complete.

The project includes renovation and expansion of the team locker room, showers, study lounge, and training space. A weight room will also be added. Construction is expected to be finished in early 2015.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Randy Engle, professor in the School of Psychology, earned the Beckman Award for his efforts in teaching and mentoring. The award is meant to benefit teachers who have inspired students to make a difference in their communities. Engle will give a talk on "What Does It Mean To Be Intelligent?" on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in Room 102 of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons.

Pamela Peralta-Yahya, assistant professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, earned the DARPA Young Investigator Award. The award is given to rising junior faculty to help develop the next generation of academic scientists in key disciplines who will focus a significant portion of their careers on national security issues.

Craig Forest, associate professor in the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, received a Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative Award from the National Institutes of Health. His team will detect subtle disruptions in neuron-to-neuron communications — as occur in brain disorders — using a newly developed robot-guided technique.

Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students and director of Diversity Programs, earned honorable mention in the University System of Georgia's Service Excellence Awards. Ray was honored in the Leadership Award category.

The **Georgia Tech Office of Emergency Preparedness** earned honorable mention from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the 2014 Individual and Community Preparedness category for its work to educate and prepare the campus community for emergencies. This honor recognizes the comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Certificate Program that is done in collaboration with the Office of Human Resources.

France-Atlanta brings Euro Collaboration to Campus

GEORGIA TECH-LORRAINE

For the fifth consecutive year, Tech will welcome friends from France as it hosts 10 events during France-Atlanta.

The series of events is presented by Tech and the Consulate General of France to showcase Franco-American collaboration in business, scientific, cultural, and humanitarian endeavors.

From Oct. 16–31, the Tech community will be able to attend events that include art exhibitions, intellectual discussion, and scientific symposia.

Other events will take place at locations across Atlanta, including Georgia State University, the High



During France-Atlanta 2013, President G.P. "Bud" Peterson was knighted by M. Frederic Dore, deputy head at the French Embassy in Washington.

Museum of Art, and the Atlanta BeltLine.

The collaboration reflects Tech's strategic goal to expand the

Institute's global footprint.

To learn more or view a full schedule of events, visit www.france-atlanta.org.

France-Atlanta Events

Photo Exhibition: The Goldsmiths of Light by Vincent Moncorgé

Oct. 16–31

Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons

Discover the synchrotron through a virtual visit in photographs, as well as the various scientific fields which benefit from this tool.

Drones and Autonomous Aviation: Innovation, Markets, and Regulations

Oct. 16, 9 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory

Hear specialists from France and the U.S. discuss their operational experience and technical advances.

Destination Europe

Oct. 17, 8 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Global Learning Center

Check out a showcase of research and innovation culture in Europe and learn about opportunities available to researchers from anywhere in the world.

Seminar on French-English Immersion Education

Oct. 28–29

Crescent Room, Student Center Commons

Explore the objectives and advantages of early language learning in an immersion context.

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Campus News

Signups Open for TEAM Buzz Day of Service

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Each fall, TEAM Buzz provides a chance for the Tech community to give back to surrounding neighborhoods through hands-on volunteerism. This year, student organizers expect around 2,000 volunteers to meet at the Kessler Campanile on Saturday, Oct. 25, before spreading out across the city, and they hope to see many faculty and staff members participate, too.

Project signups open Tuesday, Oct. 14, at teambuzz.org. Projects include activities such as planting, park cleanup, tutoring, sorting books and other media, and caring for animals. Those interested can sign up alone, with a co-worker, or with family, and choose from more than 40 projects around Atlanta.

This year, TEAM Buzz is



Students, faculty, and staff work together at Bright Futures on Atlanta's Westside during a past TEAM Buzz event. The Day of Service dispatches members of the Tech community to more than 40 sites around Atlanta.

providing free child care to children of faculty and staff to enable their participation. Qualified students will serve as

caretakers for the day and be stationed at the Student Center. Children will also participate in service activities, including

making crafts and writing letters to hospital patients. The event runs from around 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more at teambuzz.org.

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cab ride to shop on their first Black Friday.

"You see everyone leaving campus to spend Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones, which makes you want to learn more about the tradition and be part of it," Silva-Willson said. "Most international students don't have the means to fly home this time of year."

Silva-Willson has spent her college Thanksgivings with friends from Tech and from high school but never at a table with an American family — something she hopes to do this year.

"It took me three years to understand that Thanksgiving can be celebrated in numerous ways and that there's not one meal or event that is the rule of the day," she said. "The only common theme is to take time to get together and express gratitude."

The Office of International Education helped advise SGA on this initiative. Meg Popick, international student advisor, has firsthand experience hosting students at her home and organized a similar Thanksgiving host program while working at Boston College.

"At Tech, most of us are used to being in a very diverse environment, but to bring that to your family is really rewarding," she said. "The cross-cultural experience is beneficial

Home for the Holidays

Hosts: Complete the form at c.gatech.edu/homefortheholidays by Saturday, Nov. 1.

Questions? Contact gtahomefortheholidays@gmail.com

for both sides and an important part of an international student's stay here in the U.S." International students make up about 21 percent of Tech's total student population, and fostering globally engaged students is part of Georgia Tech's Strategic Plan.

To those who are hesitant, Jen Abrams, a public policy major and resident advisor who's helping organize the initiative, offers pragmatic advice: Just go for it.

"It may be a little uncomfortable at first, as it is whenever you meet someone new, but don't let uncertainty keep you from the chance to make others feel like they have a home in a place so far away from their own," she said.

Potential hosts and students looking to be hosted can express interest online by Saturday, Nov. 1. When completing the online interest form, potential hosts can choose whether they'd like to host for just the meal or overnight.

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either research or implement ways for people to age in place: Tracy Mitzner, senior research scientist in the School of Psychology and associate director of the Human Factors and Aging Laboratory; Beth Cayce, founder and owner of CaraVista Home Care; and Jennifer Ellis, regional medical director for AseraCare Hospice. Mary Lynn Realff, associate professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, will facilitate.

Panelists will discuss how to start some of the difficult conversations that come with aging, how to keep yourself healthy while caring for others, and the logistics of keeping everything going at once.

"Sometimes we don't pay attention until these things are happening to us," said Simpson, who advised that even those who don't currently find themselves in this situation should attend to begin planning for the future.

She felt unprepared herself as her parents began to age and have more medical issues; she wants others to go into this phase of life with better information.

"There are so many resources out there for people, but they just don't know," she said. "Hopefully this event will start to connect people with some of those."

Simpson hopes this event will be the beginning of a more long-term conversation on campus about this topic. Those planning to attend the panel should register online.

Managing Your Role as Caregiver

Tuesday, Oct. 28,
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LeCraw Auditorium,
Scheller College of
Business

Register at c.gatech.edu/caregiverpanel

Say Farewell to This Year's Retirees

The 2014 Retirement Dinner will take place Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Historic Academy of Medicine, and faculty and staff are invited to join in honoring this year's retirees. Tickets are \$25 per person. Submit your RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 22.



specialevents.gatech.edu/retirement

EVENTS

October 16

Learn about trends at federal research agencies that could be key to growing your research program and funding pipeline. The Office of Government and Community Relations hosts this session from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in President's Suites C&D of the Student Success Center. To RSVP, email:

olivia.watkins@gatech.edu

October 22

This Emergency Preparedness 101 course covers basic emergency situations on campus. The session takes place from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Room 101, Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute. RSVP at: trainsweb.gatech.edu/courses

October 24

Learn about specific steps you can take to protect yourself and others on campus in Crime Prevention 101 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Room 101, Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute. RSVP at: trainsweb.gatech.edu/courses

MISCELLANEOUS

October 21

Taste of Germany will offer a chance to taste authentic Brezeln and more as part of German Day on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tech Walk. Free. modlangs.gatech.edu

October 23

Speak with onsite vendors and Georgia Tech benefit counselors at the annual Benefits Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. ohr.gatech.edu

October 27

Faculty from Bates College, Dickinson College, and Williams College will visit to recruit potential liberal arts faculty across a wide variety of disciplines and discuss career options from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Student Center Theater. RSVP online at: c.gatech.edu/libartsvisit

October 28

Members of Georgia Tech's Benefits team will explain upcoming changes and answer questions about Open Enrollment from 10 to 11 a.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium, Scheller College of Business. ohr.gatech.edu

October 29

Members of Georgia Tech's Benefits team will explain upcoming changes and answer questions about Open Enrollment from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Student Center Theater. ohr.gatech.edu

October 30

Members of Georgia Tech's Benefits team will explain upcoming changes and answer questions about Open Enrollment from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theater. ohr.gatech.edu

For a more comprehensive listing of events updated daily, visit calendar.gatech.edu

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2015

Materials will be mailed to every employee's home the week of Oct. 20, including a guide of all benefits offered through Georgia Tech and the University System of Georgia (USG).

While not everyone must re-enroll in benefits plans to maintain coverage, it's important to review current selections to ensure they are still the best choices for the coming year. A few things to know about this Open Enrollment season include:

MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION PLANS

The same medical plans are being offered as for 2014, but premiums and plan designs have changed. Premiums for the Consumer Choice HSA (formerly HSA Open Access POS), BlueChoice HMO, and Kaiser HMO plans have increased, but the premiums for the Comprehensive Care (formerly Open Access POS) plan have decreased.

Premiums for Delta Dental Base and Delta Dental High will increase. The premiums for DeltaCare HMO will remain the same.

EyeMed will continue to provide vision coverage, and rates will remain the same.

PHARMACY PROVIDER

Express Scripts will be replaced by CVS/Caremark. No action is required by employees with this change.

TOBACCO SURCHARGE

This year, the monthly tobacco surcharge increases to \$75 per month for users. Both users and non-users must certify their status in TechWorks during Open Enrollment. **If you do not, your status will default to tobacco user.**

For those interested, Stamps Health Services is offering cessation programs as part of Tech's transition to a tobacco-free campus. You may also contact your insurance provider for additional assistance. Learn more at tobaccofree.gatech.edu.

HELP LINE

A phone line has been set up to connect employees with assistance during the Open Enrollment period. Representatives will be on hand from Oct. 27 – Nov. 14, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at **404-894-GTHR (4847)**.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT. 20

Materials Mailed to Employee Homes

OCT. 27

Phone Help Line Opens
(404) 894-4847

OCT. 29

Info Session
9:45 a.m., Student Center Theater

NOV. 3

Open Enrollment Opens

NOV. 14

Open Enrollment Ends

OCT. 23

Benefits Fair
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

OCT. 28

Info Session
10 a.m., LeCraw Auditorium, Scheller College of Business

OCT. 30

Info Session
2:30 p.m., Student Center Theater

NOV. 9

iPad Drawing Deadline
Make selections to be entered to win

GET INFO AT OHR.GATECH.EDU/OPENENROLLMENT • ENROLL AT TECHWORKS.GATECH.EDU

OTHER CHANGES

Short-Term Disability

In 2015, the USG will implement a new leave coordination policy that lets employees either use sick and vacation leave or receive disability payments — but not both — after the elimination period for disability. This will be in coordination with the MetLife Disability plan.

Spouse Questionnaire

All employees enrolled in a USG medical plan will be asked to complete a mandatory spouse questionnaire through TechWorks during enrollment in benefits.

Coverage for Graduate Research Assistants

GRAs will be offered health care coverage through the USG beginning Jan. 1, 2015. The plan and enrollment will be separate from this Open Enrollment session.

Four steps for a smooth enrollment

1. **Review your current benefits plans.** Reflect on whether or not they met your needs during the past year.
2. **Review USG/Georgia Tech offerings for 2015.** Consider whether any other options are better for you and your family.
3. **Talk with your spouse or family.** Review offerings from your spouse's employer if he or she is eligible.
4. **Make selections at techworks.gatech.edu.** This includes your declaration of tobacco usage.



THREE WAYS TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- Visit ohr.gatech.edu/openenrollment or email openenrollment@gatech.edu.
- Attend an information session.
- Call the help line at **404-894-GTHR (4847)**.

CLASSIFIEDS

AUTOMOBILES

2008 Ford Escape XLT, 76K miles. Six cylinder automatic. Silver. Leather/heated seats. AC, cruise control, 6-CD changer. Very well maintained. \$11,500. Call 404-465-8211 or email anarosa.covaria@oie.gatech.edu.

Bronze 1988 BMW 528e. Good running condition. Clean title. Automatic. Original engine. Some minor cosmetic damage. Heating+AC not working currently. Power windows + moonroof work great. \$1,500. Call 704-806-7446.

REAL ESTATE/ ROOMMATES

Georgia Tech staff professional, mature/male, wants room or studio apartment, weekdays only, in midtown Atlanta -- Home Park area preferred. Excellent references, no pets. rwr7@comcast.net.

Home for sale at \$800K or lease at \$3,850/month, East Cobb top school district, 6 BR/4.5BA plus carriage house. Fenced & gated, swimming pool. Email enas@enasbazar.com.

Female roommate wanted for 2BR/2BA apt. 5 miles from Tech. Furnished, \$450/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Plenty of parking, ideal for grad student. Email mary.axford@library.gatech.edu.

3BR/2BA furnished waterfront cottage with private beach and sundeck in Morehead City, NC. \$750/wk. or \$200/nt. WiFi, A/C, W/D, DW, hammocks, excellent fishing. Boat slip. No smoking or pets. www.vrbo.com/571844; jud.ready@gatech.edu.

3BR/1BA in South Buckhead, three miles from Tech. Brand new appliances in kitchen. New paint throughout. Schools: Brandon, Sutton, North Atlanta. Call Scott, 901-496-2022.

Georgia Tech staff professional looking for roommate for 2BR/1BA small house ~4 miles west of Tech. Front and back yard, quiet and safe neighborhood, back deck. \$500 a month w/o utilities. Looking for graduate students or Tech staff. Preferably no pets. E-mail julian@eas.gatech.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

American Lawn Mower 1815-18 18-inch reel mower for sale, \$50. Bought new for \$99; used twice. Need to sell due to a duplicate purchase by a family member. Email yf1972004@yahoo.com.

Looking for a new home for an affectionate 7-year-old indoor-outdoor male cat. Owner has allergies. Call 404-790-9831.

Gardman R688 walk-in greenhouse. Easy to assemble or take down. Measures 49 x 75 x 75; weighs 18.2 pounds. Galvanized steel and aluminum, polycarbonate glazing. \$60. Call 678-992-9142 or email lettieruth02@gmail.com for photo.

Brand new Asus RT-N66U gigabit router Dual-band Wireless-N900. Retail for \$130, selling for \$100. Email fdanmola@ece.gatech.edu.

Crate & Barrel solid dark wood, rectangular dining room table. Seats eight with leaf, \$250 OBO. Rooms To Go cherry wood end table with glass top and lower shelf, \$75. Email pavlik@gatech.edu for photos.

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