

What: Senator Nunn Breakfast
When: December 2, 1996
Length: Five minutes
Audience: Heavy hitters (corporate and government) who might support the
Where: Gordy Room
Time: 7:30 a.m.

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Good morning and welcome to Georgia Tech.

Approximately 40 years ago, a young Sam Nunn attended classes at Georgia Tech. During his years as a Georgia Tech collegian, he is perhaps best known for his thrilling win in the Freshman Cake race—a footrace with the grand prize of—you guessed it—a cake.

Today, throughout the world, Sam Nunn is known not for his fleetness of foot, but for his mastery of military and international affairs and for his understanding of the expanding and pervasive role of technology in our world. He appreciates that technology is not an end to itself, that it must inform and be informed by rational and future-oriented public policy.

Georgia Tech, too, is no longer viewed the same way it was 40 years ago. When Sam Nunn attended the Institute, Georgia Tech was known as a well-regarded regional university. Today, Georgia Tech is recognized as a world-renowned research university. A university that consistently improves itself, continually ascending higher into the ranks of America's top research universities. In addition, the Georgia Institute of Technology is recognized for providing not only a top-notch technological education to Georgia's students, but also producing leading edge technological knowledge and innovations ever more relevant to the emerging needs of

society.

A little more than a month ago, I had the pleasure of making a historic announcement—that Senator Sam Nunn would join the faculty of Georgia Tech as a Distinguished Professor of International Affairs and Public Policy and that Georgia Tech's School of International Affairs would bear his name.

Today, it is my pleasure to speak to you about the myriad possibilities inherent in the partnership between Senator Sam Nunn and Georgia Tech—what the collaboration essentially means to Georgia Tech, to the state of Georgia, and to the nation.

I'll start with what his presence means here at Georgia Tech. First and foremost, Senator Nunn's collaboration with Tech means an enhanced educational experience for our students. I frequently speak to student groups and ever since we made the announcement that Senator Nunn would join our faculty, the enthusiasm among our students has been tremendous. As part of the partnership, I envision Senator Nunn lecturing, mentoring, and working with Georgia Tech's students. In addition, our students will benefit from the ongoing opportunities that emerge from Sam Nunn's presence here on campus, such as the proposed program to send student interns to Washington.

All over the campus, Senator Nunn's vast array of contacts will be helpful as we seek to bring worldwide political, military, and corporate leaders to the campus through sponsorship of technological seminars and forums. Corporate and government attendance at these various functions is encouraged—as we seek to work with business and government

to further our goals.

Just as Senator Nunn will become a valued member of the Georgia Tech community, I likewise believe Georgia Tech's experts will be a valuable resource for Sam Nunn. For example, cleaning up America's military bases has long been a priority for Senator Nunn. Here at Georgia Tech, we have some of the world's experts in remediation technology who can provide technological backup and insight when these items are discussed.

A unique aspect of this collaboration is that the partnership is not just between Georgia Tech and Sam Nunn, but between Georgia Tech, Sam Nunn, and the people of our great nation. As part of the collaborative effort, we will continually seek to create further partnerships that expand America's knowledge base—therefore improving its security, economy, and future.

In the spirit of cooperation and collaboration, one of the first initiatives of the Sam Nunn partnership will be the Sam Nunn Policy Forum. This Forum will focus on issues of immediate and future importance to the nation such as an overhaul of the U.S. tax code or the security threat of weapons proliferation. The Forum will be rotated among Georgia Tech, Emory University, and other universities in the state system—bringing together the best of Georgia's universities to work for the greater good of the nation.

In conclusion, the ramifications from this partnership for both Georgia and the world are significant. As part of the Georgia Tech/Sam Nunn collaboration, I envision Senator Nunn sitting down with a senior group of our research faculty—faculty

not just from the School of International Affairs, but faculty who are at the cutting edge of research in different areas that are vital to the future of this country—such as telecommunications, environmental remediation, and biotechnology. Together with Senator Nunn, I see these groups working to plan how vital research created at Georgia Tech can best be used to benefit Georgia, the nation, and the rest of the world.

As you can see, the possibilities and opportunities from this partnership are enormous. As representatives from both government and industry, your support and involvement is critical to our success. As we move forward—bringing technology, policy, and international affairs closer together for the betterment of the state, nation, and world, we hope to do so with you at our side.

Thank you.