

Notes from the President

On the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

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This Monday, Georgia Tech will join the nation in honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Campus offices will be closed and there will be no classes, yet it is my hope that our students, faculty and staff will pause to reflect on Dr. King's legacy and the ideals he pursued.

A tireless advocate for equality and justice, Dr. King worked to achieve those ends through nonviolent demonstrations and passionate oratory. In so doing, he led a movement that brought about a societal shift as significant as any in the history of our country. His life will forever stand as an example of personal service and selfless sacrifice.

Dr. King once observed that "the function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically ... Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." This is at the heart of our own diversity initiatives at Georgia Tech, and this is the challenge we rise to meet.

Regards,
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