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# **Breaking Ground, Building Up**

## More Than a Dozen Projects Underway Across Campus

JESSICA ROSE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

This summer, the campus is undergoing many different renewals to support the Institute's effort to improve teaching and learning environments and to lay the groundwork for supporting initiatives such as the Eco-Commons, the Living Building at Georgia Tech, and West Village.

Look for construction to wrap up on a few long-term projects, for short-term projects to take shape, and for some new long-term work to begin.

#### **NEARLY COMPLETE**

#### **Tech Parkway**

The addition of dedicated bicycle lanes should be complete this month, followed by lighting and striping



The Midtown Atlanta skyline, seeing its own flurry of construction, is visible from an outdoor terrace in the new West Village.

along the path. The project should be complete in August.

#### Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Administration Building

The interior renovation of this building, more commonly known as Tech Tower, is undergoing finishing touches on the ground floor. Faculty and staff from the Office of the Registrar, College of Sciences, and College of Engineering have all returned to the space. Work should wrap up in July.

#### West Village

The highly anticipated West Village will support residential, academic, and social needs of the west campus community. The open-concept space

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# **President's Summer Tour to Head South**

KRISTEN BAILEY
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

President G.P. "Bud"
Peterson and Val Peterson,
first lady, are headed south
this month to visit Georgia
Tech alumni, Regents, business
leaders, lawmakers, and other
friends of the Institute.

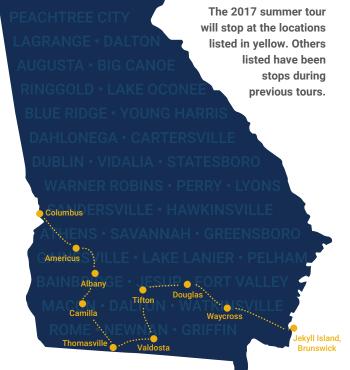


This year's tour — Peterson's ninth as Tech president — takes place June 19-21 and will cover South Georgia with stops in Jekyll Island, Brunswick, Waycross, Douglas, Tifton, Valdosta, Thomasville, Camilla, Albany, Americus, and Columbus.

Each year, the Petersons dedicate time during the summer to visit a different area of the state to meet with stakeholders. Through the past eight tours, the Petersons have traversed the entire state, covering more than 6,000 cumulative miles.

This year's tour will cover nearly 1,000 miles — the most ever in a single tour — and hit 44 counties.

For updates along the way, visit **president.gatech.edu**.



# Governor's Cup Returns to Tech

**Institute Employees Earn Top Award for 10th Straight Year** 

VICTOR ROGERS
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

For the 10th consecutive year, Georgia Tech employees have been recognized for their generosity through the State Charitable Contributions Program.

The Institute received the 2017 Governor's Cup, awarded annually to the state institution with the highest average contribution per employee in the statewide fundraising endeavor. Tech's average contribution was \$308.

"We are happy to have won again this year," said Campaign Chair Leanne West, chief engineer for pediatric technologies and chief innovation officer in the Pediatric Technology Center. "The team worked really hard to make sure as many people as possible knew about the campaign. It really makes me proud to be part of such a giving community."

In addition to winning the Governor's Cup, Tech won the Governor's Award for the highest level of participation, with 20 percent of employees contributing to the campaign. The Institute also won an award for the largest increase in total contributions; this year's total contribution of \$393,460.96 reflects a 10 percent increase since last year. This year's campaign donation total broke an Institute record, previously set in 2014, and surpassed the campus goal of raising \$375,000 by nearly \$20,000.

Georgia Tech has won the Governor's Cup 15 out of the past 17 years for state agencies or universities with 1,001–9,000 employees. A total of 1,279 people donated to the Campaign, which supports more than 1,300 worthy causes including support for cancer research, aid to families in need, and food for animals housed in shelters.

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# Isbell Named Next Faculty Athletics Rep

Charles Isbell, senior associate dean and professor in the College of Computing, will serve as the liaison between the Institute and the Athletic Association. His term begins July 1.

c.gatech.edu/far

### Ferri to Lead Graduate Education and Faculty Development

Bonnie Ferri, once a Tech graduate student herself, comes to the role after nearly 30 years on the Georgia Tech faculty. Her duties officially begin Tuesday, Aug. 15.

c.gatech.edu/ferri

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# **EVENTS**

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

#### **June 17**

Paper and Clay hosts an introductory knitting class from 1 to 3 p.m. on the Third Floor, Student Center. Registration is \$30 and includes materials. An additional class will take place Saturday, July 8. paperandclay.gatech.edu

#### **June 28**

Paper and Clay hosts a sewing machine class for beginners from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Third Floor, Student Center. Registration is \$15 and includes materials.

paperandclay.gatech.edu

#### **June 29**

Paper and Clay hosts an introductory pottery class from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Third Floor, Student Center. Registration is \$25 and includes materials

paperandclay.gatech.edu

# **SEMINARS** & LECTURES

#### **June 19**

A half-day workshop will provide an overview of Commercialization Resources for the Georgia Tech Researcher, including ATDC, I-Corps, VentureLab, and FlashPoint. The workshop takes place from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 334, Global Learning Center. RSVP at:

c.gatech.edu/commercialize

#### **June 26**

Money at Work 2: Sharpening
Investment Skills is an intermediate
guide to investing presented by
TIAA. The session is part of Money
Mondays from the University System
of Georgia, a financial education
series. The session takes place from
noon to 1 p.m. and can be watched
online or in Room 100, Scheller
College of Business. Register at:
c.gatech.edu/usginvest

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### **Through July 17**

The University System of Georgia will continue the Health Trails program throughout the summer. Learn more about how to participate at: hwb.gatech.edu/summerhealthtrails

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will include five micro-restaurants, Panera Bread and Starbucks locations, music classrooms, and shared meeting rooms. Like the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, this building will have 24/7 BuzzCard access, with dining available from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. on most days. West Village is expected to open by the end of August to coincide with the beginning of the fall semester.

#### **Curran Street Deck**

The top of the Curran Street deck is under construction through mid-July. The work will remove gaming courts and add 67 parking spaces to the top of the structure to support the West Village.

# Manufacturing Research Center Building (MaRC)

The MaRC front landscape and hardscape area is undergoing significant renewal through August. Once complete, the area will have improved accessibility and more than 120 new trees, hydrangea, and ferns — drought-tolerant plants that will reduce the heat island effect. While the project is underway, the north entry to the building will remain closed. Building access is available by walking east on Ferst Drive and entering on the adjacent side of the building, closest to Hemphill Avenue.

### IN PROGRESS

#### **Instructional Center Renovation**

The renovation of the Instructional Center Building, one of the most widely used classroom spaces on campus, includes 17 classrooms and the associated public spaces and lobbies on the first and second floors. The project will address accessibility and life safety upgrades, as well as replacement of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, resulting in improvement of indoor air quality, energy, and water efficiency. Renovations will be complete in August.

### **Boggs Chemistry Building**

Renovations to the first floor of Boggs will provide lasting impacts to students and faculty in this active laboratory space. The renovation will include the removal of hazardous materials, adding more efficient LED lighting fixtures, improving air distribution, and updating the lobby and auditorium spaces. Renovations should be complete in time for the fall semester.

### Van Leer Interdisciplinary Design Commons

The Van Leer rotunda is being renovated to make way for the new interdisciplinary design commons, which will provide education, collaboration, research, and maker space to foster student design creativity and innovation. The building improvements also include enhanced accessibility for ADA compliance, adaptive reuse, additional greenspace, and additional bicycle racks. The project is on schedule to be completed in January 2018.

#### Savant Building

The Savant Building is receiving improvements to the first floor interior and overall exterior. The current project involves removing all non-historic structural elements



Rendering courtesy of Houser Walker Architecture/Pond & Compar

The future Georgia Tech police facility, as seen from the corner of 10th Street and Hemphill Avenue.

on the first floor and creating a new suite for the office of the Dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. In addition, windows and entry doors will be replaced to restore the building's historical appearance. This project is on schedule to be complete in December.

#### Atlantic Promenade, Phase II

This area is under construction to replace the steam line from the Bunger-Henry Building to Ferst Drive, followed by landscaping upgrades. The repairs and upgrades will enhance the pedestrian experience on Atlantic Drive and create a walkable corridor with better lighting, eliminated trip hazards, and improved accessibility. This is the second phase of a three-phase project to improve underground utility infrastructure. This phase is expected to be complete in November.

# Third and Techwood Drainage Improvements

Work in this area is scheduled to be complete by mid-August, prior to fall move-in. Significant coordination has been required among Parking and Transportation Services, the Department of Housing, Georgia Tech Athletics, and the Georgia Tech Police Department to support logistics around summer conferences.

#### **Library Next**

The Price Gilbert and Crosland Tower renewal project, known as Library Next, will begin its first major phase of construction in late July. This phase of the project will be focused on Crosland Tower's renovation, removal of the connecting bridge, and site work surrounding the building, including the removal of stairs and walkways passing between library buildings.

This phase is scheduled to be complete at the end of 2018, when Crosland Tower will reopen and function as the main Georgia Tech Library. At that point, renovation will begin on Price Gilbert. The entire project is scheduled to be completed and fully open in early 2020.

Pedestrian impacts will include the elimination of the route between Bobby Dodd Way/ Cherry Street and Fourth Street that passes between the library buildings, as well as the alleyway between the Hinman Courtyard and Bobby Dodd Way that passes between Crosland Tower and the Old Civil Engineering Building. Learn more at **renewal.library. gatech.edu**.

#### **Coda Building**

The newest addition to Tech Square won't be complete until 2019, but progress is being made by first digging down for the foundation and underground parking. See renderings of the project at **c.gatech.edu/coda**.

#### **COMING SOON**

#### Living Building at Georgia Tech

To prepare for the construction of the Southeast's first living building, the campus will begin to see some changes on the northern edge of campus in the late summer and early fall. The W24 parking lot is anticipated to be shut down in September 2017. Leading up to this point, there will be temporary lane closures on Hemphill and State Street in order to convert some overhead electrical lines into underground lines. There will be no boring across the roadways. The groundbreaking of the Living Building is anticipated to be in late September. Learn more at livingbuilding.gatech.edu.

#### **Campus Safety Facility**

Construction on a new 30,000-square-foot building for the Georgia Tech Police Department will begin in early July. The police department currently has space for personnel and storage in five different buildings across campus. Bringing these units together into a single facility will allow them to more effectively communicate and collaborate on maintaining a safe and secure environment on campus.

In addition, the move will allow Georgia Tech to proceed with the development of the Eco-Commons, which is a part of the Landscape Master Plan. The first significant phase of the Eco-Commons was implemented in conjunction with the construction of the Engineered Biosystems Building. The development of this sector of campus will continue with the Living Building at Georgia Tech, the Dalney Street Parking Deck, and the implementation of the landscape ecosystem adjacent to these projects.



at least 10 days prior to desired publication date.

Calendar submissions should be emailed to editor@comm.gatech.edu

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#### **CHARITABLE**, from page 1

For the upcoming year, Tech's Charitable Campaign will be chaired by Chris Burke of Government and Community Relations. Bill Todd of the Scheller College of Business will be the co-chair for operations.

The State Charitable Contributions Program begins each fall and encourages employees to give via payroll deduction or through one-time gifts. Learn more at charitable.gatech.edu.

#### By the Numbers

Awards Honoring Employee Giving

\$393,460.96 **Total Contributions** 

1,279

Number of Employees Who Gave

10

Consecutive Years Winning the Governor's Cup



President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Charitable Campaign Chair Leanne West, and Christopher Jackson, campaign volunteer, display the awards received for Tech employees' contributions to the State Charitable Contributions Program.

# **Preparing for Transition to OneUSG Connect**

The new benefits administration system from the University System of Georgia, OneUSG Connect, will be live Monday, June 26.

The OneUSG Connect system offers two new ways for employees to access benefits and will streamline benefit processes at Georgia Tech: OneUSG Connect - Benefits Website and OneUSG Connect - Benefits Cell Center.

Through OneUSG Connect, benefitseligible employees will be able to:

- · Enroll in benefits during annual enrollment or upon becoming benefits-
- · Make qualified life event changes.
- Prepare for retirement.
- Designate beneficiaries.
- · Find vendors.
- · Compare health care plans.
- Review plan information and resources.

The online system will be accessible to employees through TechWorks, at techworks.gatech.edu. Users can look for an icon under Applications and Resources beginning June 26.

The OneUSG Connect - Benefits Call Center can be reached at 1-844-5USGBEN (1-844-587-4236)

See below for additional information on how to manage your benefits through OneUSG Connect. For additional information, visit ohr.gatech.edu/oneusg.

# **EVENTS**

#### **June 21**

The Office of Human Resources hosts a Be Well session on Reducing Stress with Mindfulness from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 221, Scheller College

ohr.gatech.edu/bewell

#### June 24

Health and Well-Being hosts a Wellness Walk at Red Top Mountain State Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. Learn more and sign up at: c.gatech.edu/walks

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

## June 14

The Georgia Tech Police Department and Legal Affairs and Risk Management will host an information session on the implementation of House Bill 280, commonly known as campus carry, from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 152, Clough Commons. police.gatech.edu/campuscarry

#### June 14-15

FASET orientation takes place for summer first-year students. Additional sessions will take place throughout the summer. nssp.gatech.edu

#### June 16

Last day of Early Short Summer session.

registrar.gatech.edu

#### June 17

Atlanta United hosts Columbus Crew F.C. at 7 p.m. at Bobby Dodd Stadium. atlutd.com

### June 19-20

Final exams for Early Short Summer. registrar.gatech.edu

## **June 21**

Classes begin for Late Short Summer.

registrar.gatech.edu

# **June 21**

The Staff Council holds a general meeting from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Crescent Room, Student Center. RSVP to leslie.hall@itg.gatech.edu. staffcouncil.gatech.edu

## **June 23**

The Student Center hosts a Flicks at Tech screening of Hidden Figures at 9 p.m. at Tech Green.

#### flicks.studentcenter.gatech.edu

Atlanta United hosts the Colorado Rapids at 7 p.m. at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

atlutd.com

June 24

For a more comprehensive listing of events, or to add vour own. visit calendar.gatech.edu.

## **BENEFIT RESOURCES AND ACCESS**



Support

New resources: **OneUSG Connect -**Benefits Website and Benefits Call Center (1-844-5USGBEN).



**Benefits Enrollment** 

Access OneUSG Connect - Benefits Website or Benefits Call Center to make USG benefits elections, upload supporting documents, and view confirmation. Use TechWorks for Tech-specific benefits.



**Annual Enrollment** 

Enroll through OneUSG Connect - Benefits Website. Use TechWorks for Tech-specific benefits.



**Life Changes** 

Access OneUSG Connect -**Benefits Website or Benefits** Call Center to request a change, upload supporting documents, and view confirmation.

## **VIEW AND CHANGE INFORMATION**



**Plan Information** 

New resources: OneUSG Connect -Benefits Website and Benefits Call Center.



**Beneficiary Changes** 

Access OneUSG Connect - Benefits Website or Benefits Call Center.



**HSA Changes** 

Access OneUSG Connect -Benefits Website or **Benefits Call Center** (exception: lump sums).



**Address Changes** 

Continue to use TechWorks.

### SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT





COBRA letter mailed or emailed by OneUSG Connect.



**Retirement Preparation** 

Access OneUSG Connect - Benefits Website or Benefits Call Center.



**Retiree Benefit Billing** 

Payments direct debited by and communication from **OneUSG Connect.** 



**Aging into Medicare** 

Employee receives communication from OneUSG Connect.

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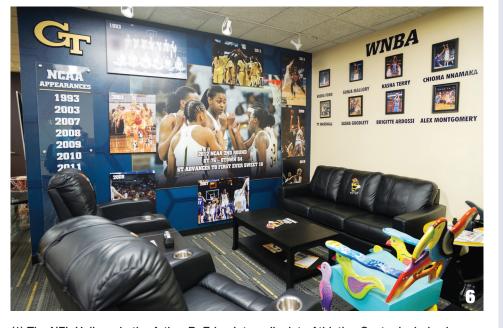


Most of us have cheered for the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium, McCamish Pavilion, Russ Chandler Stadium, or the Ken Byers Tennis Complex. But, unless you were a student-athlete, you may not have seen where players go when they leave the field or court and disappear into the tunnels.

Take a tour through the tunnels and behind the scenes into weight rooms, locker rooms, film rooms, batting cages, driving ranges, lounges, and study areas where Tech's student-athletes spend a lot of time gearing up for the games.







(1) The NFL Hallway in the Arthur B. Edge Intercollegiate Athletics Center includes jerseys and photos of Tech student-athletes who played in the NFL, such as Calvin Johnson who was drafted by the Detroit Lions in 2007. (2) A softball locker at Shirley Clements Mewborn Field. (3) The Mark C. Teixeira locker room at Russ Chandler Stadium, named for a 2014 gift Teixeira made to Tech. (4) Tennis balls at the Ken Byers Tennis Complex are branded with the interlocking GT and Buzz. (5) The Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Garrett and Family Player Lounge and Meeting Room in the Edge Center has card games, televisions, ping pong, and pool tables. (6) The women's basketball lounge showcases Tech players in the WNBA in the Judy and Steve Zelnak Basketball Practice Facility. (7) The Noonan Golf Facility, near Atlantic Station, has a nine-hole, par-3 course routing, with shots ranging from 75 to 225 yards. (8) An equipment room houses baseball uniforms at Russ Chandler Stadium. See more photos at c.gatech.edu/hgtathletics.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

## REAL ESTATE/ ROOMMATES

Second floor unfurnished condo w/balcony overlooking quiet courtyard. 15-min. walk to Tech, 3-min. walk to Stinger Green Route. Unit comes with gated parking garage and reserved parking space, refrigerator, W/D, granite counters, custom closet, access to pool and gym. 24-hour security on property. Non-smoking unit, prefer no pets. Walking distance to Atlantic Station. Available June 1 for 1-year lease. \$1,350/mo. OBO. Includes water, trash. Contact yangtzepirit@yahoo.com.

Male employee seeking roommate to share 1BR apartment near Lenox MARTA Station. Very quiet, near shopping. Contact Jose, 404-904-

For rent: lovely garden apartment in Ansley Park. 2BR/1BA (1,050+ sq.ft.) w/ parking. 2 mi. from Tech near bus/ train lines. Across from Piedmont Park and Botanical Garden. Available ~Aug. 1. \$1,500/mo., negotiable. Contact 53theprado@gmail.com.

3BR/3BA plus bonus room on quiet cul-de-sac, 6 mi. from Tech near Lenox. \$1,950/mo. Good credit and deposit (\$3,000) required. Lawn service included in rent; utilities not included. Roommates are welcome. No smokers. Contact mrrobert@comcast.net or 404-315-6962. For a virtual tour and more information, visit 1732dunwoodyplace.com.

Looking for young working professional, graduate student, or visiting professor to rent private bedroom and bath (w/ access to all living spaces) in Buckhead. \$800/ mo. Includes utilities, cable, internet, parking. Fully furnished large condo in small private community. Neat, clean home. Walking distance to food markets, restaurants, entertainment, shopping, public transit. Have rented to Italian doctoral student. Brazilian banker, semi-pro soccer player. Referrals on request. Available June 4. Request 1-year agreement. Contact 404-514-7662, reba.darr@gmail.com.

Three-story 4BR/3BA brick home, walking distance to campus and Atlantic Station. Gleaming hardwood floors. Newly painted inside and out. Updated kitchen w/ granite. Master suite w/walkout second floor covered porch. Claw foot tub. Third level media room. Garage. Minutes from I-75/I-85/GA-400. Contact Tim Grissett, 404-918-3772.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Oak table, 48-in., round, four legs, w/two 10-in. extensions and six fancy-back chairs. \$170. Contact james. cagle@mse.gatech.edu.

New in box Maytag s/s kitchen appliances: 27 cu. ft. french door refrigerator, 6 cu. ft. convection double oven, 2 cu. ft. over-the-range microwave, s/s interior dishwasher w/ Powerblast. \$3,600 for all. Call 770-

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