

**Dr. Peterson**

**Congressional Reception**

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902

Thank you for all that you do to support Georgia Tech.

I especially want to welcome all of the new members of the Georgia delegation.

We depend on you to help create an environment where universities like Georgia Tech can thrive. We appreciate your support for federally funded research, financial aid, and a regulatory and patent system that helps us train future innovators and turn our research into companies and jobs.

We want to be your partner as you grapple with our country's most difficult policy issues. Feel free to call on our faculty experts, and we want you to hire alumni and students. That's why we started a DC internship stipend program to support our students who want to intern for the federal government.

We're happy to have two of those students here tonight, Ms. Heather Johnston, who is interning for Congressman Bishop and Nick Fahrenkrog, who is interning at the White House.

To all of the Georgia Tech alumni here tonight, I want to thank you for your support and for your public service. Many of you could have chosen a more lucrative path after you left Georgia Tech, but we honor your commitment to making a difference.

Finally, I want to invite all of you to spend time with us on campus. I can tell you about all of the great things happening at Georgia Tech, but nothing compares to seeing it for yourself.