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# Campus **Partners Play Key Role** in Student Recruitment

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The Office of Undergraduate Admission is finalizing its review of applications for the 2019 firstyear class. During a recent meeting, Admission staff presented an update for Campus Partners, a group comprised of faculty and staff who support Tech's undergraduate student recruitment efforts.

For 2019, the overall first-year application total came in just under 37,000, up slightly from 35,600 last year and setting another record for Georgia Tech in terms of applications. The total number of Early Action applications was 20,291.

"Our goal is to bring in a new firstyear class of 3,000, which is smaller than last year," said Rick Clark, director of Undergraduate Admission. "Because we keep our undergraduate population at approximately 60 percent from Georgia, 30 percent from U.S. (non-Georgia), and 10 percent from abroad, this year will probably be the first in Georgia Tech history that our admit rate will be less than 20 percent, making Tech one of just four public universities in the country at that level of selectivity."

Clark said the three factors primarily driving applications nationally are: a heavy STEM focus, a solid return on investment, and location.

"In a lot of ways, Georgia Tech has never been in a healthier position, largely because of our standing with those three factors," Clark said.

### **Admission and Campus Partners:** A Team Effort

The Campus Partners meeting takes place twice a year to allow Admission to give updates on the recruitment and

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Learn the Ropes of Policing at Tech **Applications Now Open** for Spring Citizens Police Academy; Begins March 7

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Georgia Tech's Citizens Police Academy is a five-week program designed to educate and inform the Tech community about issues related to law enforcement efforts on campus and how the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) operates. The Academy, which is accepting applications for spring, is open to all Tech faculty, staff, and students.

"If you have questions about the operations of the department, the type of training the officers receive, the day-to-day function of the department, or if you just want to have a better understanding of law enforcement — this academy is for you," said Georgia Tech Police Officer Jessica Howard, Academy coordinator.

The training, which begins March 7, includes classes on: investigations, Clery Act, K-9, law enforcement technology, firearms, emergency preparedness, and crime prevention. All classes are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The program is free, but participants must commit to attend all sessions.

Class size is limited to 12, and there are only a few slots remaining.

Applicants must submit an

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K-9 training is part of the Citizens Police Academy. This is K9 Pepper with handler, Officer Manuel Blair.

# **Bringing the World to North Avenue**

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Allison Noffsinger is the assistant director of On-Campus Internationalization in the Office of International Education (OIE), a role she seemed destined to fill.

She was born in Virginia, moved to Colorado, then grew up mostly in a college town in Mississippi. After graduating from high school, she moved to Arequipa, Peru, for a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student where she lived with a host family and attended a local high school and university. Following that year, she returned to the U.S. to attend college at Western Kentucky University, where she doublemajored in public relations and Spanish, and double-minored in international business and Latin American studies.

While in college, Noffsinger studied abroad in Seville, Spain, for a semester and also used her summer vacations to independently backpack around Europe and the Americas, visiting more than 25 countries before graduating. After graduation, she moved to Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel, for a year as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, where she took



Noffsinger in part of her workspace in Perry Residence Hall, where she works with students who are part of Tech's Global Leadership Living Learning Community.

classes at Tel Aviv University, interned at an Arab-Jewish community center, and toured the country speaking to rotary clubs. Upon returning to the United States, she began working in international education full time for a few years before attending graduate school at Florida International University in Miami to study international relations. After completing her degree, she worked as an international student recruiter for Hult International Business School. She was based in Miami, but worked most of the time in Colombia. In 2015, while in a coffee shop in Cali, Colombia, she received

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### **Campus Leadership Reviewing Ethical Culture Indicator Results**

A final report will not be available until later this semester, but senior leadership discussed preliminary feedback on Feb. 4. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

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### **Nie Selected as General Counsel and VP for Ethics and Compliance**

Ling-Ling Nie joins Georgia Tech from Panasonic Corporation of North America, where she has been since 2012. She will assume her new role with Tech in March.

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### ARTS AND CULTURE

### Feb. 21

The School of Music's Laptop Orchestra performs, as part of the yearlong celebration of the Periodic Table, from 11 a.m. to noon in the atrium of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building. periodictable.gatech.edu

### Feb. 21

The Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra presents the fifth annual Romantic Masters concert, presenting Brahms' First Symphony and works by Rossini and Verdi, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ferst Center for the Arts. music.gatech.edu

### Feb. 28

The Georgia Tech Concert Band and Symphonic Band present their first concert of the spring semester from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ferst Center for the Arts. music.gatech.edu

### Through March 1

The Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking hosts an exhibit called *Formation*, showcasing the many directions this theme can take in biology, craftsmanship, ideas, geographies, personal narratives, and histories. The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. paper.gatech.edu

### WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

### Feb. 20

Human Resources presents a Be Well session on student loan forgiveness programs from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 132, Technology Square Research Building. hr.gatech.edu/bewell

### Feb. 27

The End Suicide initiative will hold a Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 117, Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building. RSVP at: endsuicide.gatech.edu

### SEMINARS AND LECTURES

### Feb. 20

Andrew Gillum, former Mayor of Tallahassee, Florida, will deliver Georgia Tech's Sixth Annual Black History Month Lecture, discussing *Millennials: Owning Your Place in the 21st Century.* The lecture will take place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. diversity.gatech.edu

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### **BOARD OF REGENTS UPDATES**

At its meeting in Atlanta on Feb. 12, the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) heard and approved several items of business related to Georgia Tech.

From the Committee on Academic Affairs, the Board approved the establishment of a Master of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Management in the School of Public Policy.

From the Committee on Real Estate and Facilities, the Board heard information on the proposal of a multiyear door access control hardware upgrade program that would involve replacing access control hardware on more than 2,200 doors across campus. The project would improve the ability to manage the assignment and revocation of access privileges and enhance the overall security of campus facilities. It would be completed over a four-year period.

The Board approved authorization of the Cobb County Research Facility — Special Access Program Facility Expansion, which will renovate, update, and increase space used

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online application by Feb. 28 and undergo a limited background investigation.

#### Strengthening Campus Connections

Howard said the Academy helps to develop and foster positive relations between the community and GTPD through education.

"I believe giving people the opportunity to gain insight into how and why a law enforcement agency operates the way it does — from administrative positions to the officers in the field — brings better understanding, and, ultimately, long-lasting positive relationships," said Howard.

Brenda Morris can attest to the development of relation-ships.

Morris, corporate relations manager for the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, completed the Citizens Police Academy in Spring 2018. She registered because she thought it would be an interesting way to learn about policing at Georgia Tech.

"The officers that interacted with us really gave us access by the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). The project will be paid for through GTRI grant funds.

Lastly, the Board approved the Ground Lease and Rental Agreement for the Campus Center Student Center Expansion/Renovation. This is the next step in the ongoing Campus Center project, which includes the renovation and expansion of a student center complex that will total approximately 275,000 square feet, to be completed in two phases.

At the Feb. 12 meeting, students from the USG's research institutions gathered for Research Institutions Day at the Capitol. Physics and aerospace engineering major Abigail McClain was recognized as Georgia Tech's representative for the USG Academic Recognition Day.

The Board's next regular meeting will take place in April in Savannah, with a special strategic planning meeting scheduled for March. More information is available at **usg.edu/regents**.

to what they do," Morris said. "They were very up-front, open, and happy to engage with us. They gave us a behind-the-scenes look at what they do and why certain things are the way they are."

Morris, who has worked at Tech for more than 20 years, said a highlight of the experience was meeting fellow Tech employees that she never would have interacted with otherwise.

"I made a group of new colleagues and friends across campus that I can reach out to with questions," she said. "It expanded my Georgia Tech network. That wasn't the reason I went into it, but it was one of the best things I got out of it."

Morris said being in the Academy was a good way for her to get to know the officers and to cultivate a deeper appreciation for what they do.

"It was good for me to see beyond the badge and to get to know the officers as people," she said. "I would like to see more people go through the Academy."

To participate in this spring's session, complete the registration form at police.gatech.edu/academy.

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# Academic Leadership in Transition

### Dean Jacqueline Royster to Step Down August 31

Jacqueline Royster, dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and the Ivan Allen Jr. Dean's Chair in Liberal Arts and Technology, announced Feb. 14 that she would step down from her role at the end of August.

Royster has served as dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts since 2010. Under her leadership, the College saw enrollment growth, new degree and program offerings, the creation of



the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage, and continued growth in research centers and sponsored research.

"As dean, Dr. Royster embraced the longstanding legacy and history of the liberal arts at Georgia Tech," said Rafael L. Bras, Georgia Tech provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs and K. Harrison Brown Family Chair. "She has been a steadfast voice for 'innovation at the crossroads of humanities, social sciences, and technology.' Nobody is a better advocate and ambassador of the liberal arts and social sciences. Georgia Tech is better because of her efforts."

The College will remain under Dean Royster's leadership while a search commences. Details on the search process and leadership transition will be announced later this spring.

### Finalists Selected for Next Dean in Computing, Sciences

Four finalists have been selected in the search for the next dean of the College of Computing, and three have been selected as finalists for the next College of Sciences dean.

All finalists will make presentations in the coming months that are open to the entire campus community. Search updates will continue to be shared at **provost.gatech.edu**.

### Computing

- **Charles Isbell**, professor and executive associate dean for the College of Computing at Georgia Tech Tuesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons
- Kathleen Fisher, chair of the Computer Science Department at Tufts University Thursday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons
- Radha Poovendran, professor and chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Washington Tuesday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons
- Ellen Zegura, Fleming Professor in the School of Computer Science and executive faculty co-director of the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain at Georgia Tech Thursday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons

#### Sciences

- M. Susan Lozier, distinguished professor of ocean sciences at Duke University and president-elect of the American Geophysical Union Monday, March 4, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center
- Rodolfo H. Torres, University Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at the University of Kansas and co-chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center
- **Kevin Pitts**, professor of physics and vice provost for Undergraduate Education at the University of Illinois Monday, March 11, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center

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### **Campus Welcomes** Gender-Inclusive, Single-Occupant Restrooms

Stemming from recommendations from the Path Forward's LGBTQIA Community Support Action team, more than 150 singleoccupant, gender-inclusive restrooms have been designated in 63 buildings on Georgia Tech's campus.

Since late 2017, teams from Capital Planning and Facilities Management have been working to inventory existing single-stall bathrooms and other space opportunities on campus to convert select facilities into gender-inclusive, single-occupant restrooms, complete with user-friendly signage. The signage also helps designate which singleoccupant restrooms are ADA-accessible and/or house diaper-changing tables.

Learn more about this and other related updates from A Path Forward - Together at president.gatech.edu/path-forwardtogether/updates.

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a job alert for a global internship advisor position at Georgia Tech.

"I was fascinated by it," Noffsinger said. "The job looked interesting, and I was impressed that a university had the resources to dedicate to global internships.'

In addition to being interested in the job, she had already been thinking about moving to the Southeastern U.S. to be near her father. Months prior, she had also met her now husband, Ben Reed, at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Natal, Brazil, and he just happened to live in Atlanta.

"So, all of the forces combined, and I applied for the job," Noffsinger said.

She worked as the global internship advisor in OIE for a couple of years, then transitioned to her current position in November 2017. She is responsible for the On-Campus Internationalization workgroup in OIE, which oversees: the Global Leadership Living Learning Community of 118 first-year, degree-seeking students; International House (or I-House), a living learning community for 46 students comprised of 50 percent exchange students and 50 percent degreeseeking students; and the International Plan, a globally focused degree designation program that develops students' global competence within the context of their majors. She and her team are also responsible for International Education Week, TECHsplore, TECHsplore Summer, and additional intercultural learning opportunities.

"We focus on international opportunities that occur right here on campus. We bridge the gap between incoming international students and education abroad," Noffsinger said. "There's a lot of variety, and it's exciting. There's always something new. In one of the realms, something big is happening at any given time.'

Noffsinger said the most rewarding part of her job is seeing students evolve while at Tech. She likes seeing how much the students grow even within their first year, and seeing the choices they make regarding their major or what emphasis they will put on their careers.



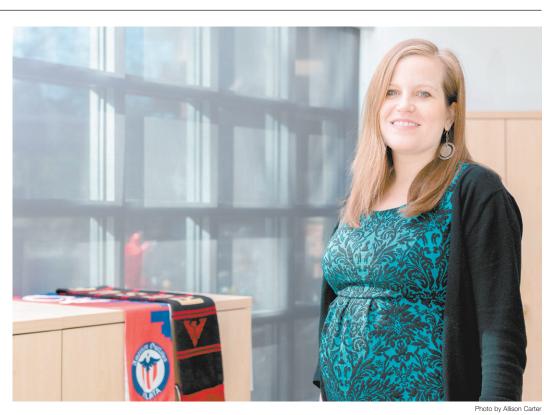
### GEORGIA TECH

# PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH 2019

he Presidential Search Committee is seeking input from the Georgia Tech community on the qualities it would like to see in candidates for the role of the Institute's next president. Facilitated by Heidrick & Struggles, the firm retained to assist with the search, the sessions will explore what faculty, staff, and students would like to see in their next leader. Two forums will be for faculty and staff, and one will be for students. The schedule and locations are as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m.
- Faculty and Staff Forum, Student Center Theater
- Wednesday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.
- Student Forum hosted by the Student Government Association, Student Center Theater Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m.
  - Faculty and Staff Forum, Clary Theater, Bill Moore Student Success Center

For more information, visit the presidential search website at president.gatech.edu/ presidential-search-2019.



Noffsinger in Perry Residence Hall with scarves from two of her soccer allegiances, American Outlaws and Resurgence.

"I get to work with students in areas that they are passionate about," she said. "Students opt in to a lot of the things we're doing — such as a living learning community or International Education Week events. It's a passion for them, so getting to work with them on things that I'm also passionate about is really rewarding."

The most challenging part of her job is working with so many distinct areas.

"I'm really passionate about each area I work with, whether it's living learning communities, the International Plan, or intercultural learning. I want to give everything the time it deserves, while making sure I find the right balance," Noffsinger said.

Away from work, Noffsinger is very involved with the local soccer community and loves how the sport is intertwined with her zest for international travel and her curiosity of different cultures. She has played soccer since age 5, and she has traveled to four World Cups, including the most recent in Russia in 2018

She and her husband are on the board for Resurgence, an official supporter group for Atlanta United, and they are also in leadership roles for the American Outlaws - Atlanta Chapter, a supporter group for U.S. Soccer. Through Resurgence, she has worked with local organizations such as Trees Atlanta, Meals on Wheels, and Soccer in the Streets, among others, to give back to the Atlanta community. Recently, she helped raise over \$8,000 for Soccer in the Streets, through the second annual Resurgence Supporters Invitational, a soccer tournament held at the MARTA Station soccer fields in Atlanta's West End Community.

"We're expecting our first child in April, so we're stepping down from the board of Resurgence. But we'll still be very involved," Noffsinger said.

She and her husband are already thinking about how they will travel to the next World Cup in Qatar in 2022 — with their baby in tow.

### EVENTS

### Feb. 20

Brad Roberts, director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Center for Global Security Research, will discuss The Case for U.S. Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in President's Suites C and D. Bill Moore Student Success Center. cistp.gatech.edu

### Feb. 21

The Impact Speaker Series presents Sustainability at the World's Busiest Airport with Polly Sattler, senior sustainability and resilience planner for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The event will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 200, Scheller College of Business. scheller.gatech.edu/impact

### Feb. 21

Nzinga Shaw, chief diversity and inclusion officer for the Atlanta Hawks and State Farm Arena, and Maryam Alavi, dean and Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Chair of the Scheller College of Business, will discuss Creating Impact and Driving Growth Through Diversity and Inclusion from 6 to 8 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium, Scheller College of Business. scheller.gatech.edu

### Feb. 21

The Fulbright Student Association is hosting an open talk to discuss civil rights issues in the context of multiple countries. Graduate students will give 10-minute presentations on civil rights issues in their home countries, followed by Q&A and discussion. The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 5134, Mason Building.

### Feb. 25

Zeb Rocklin, assistant professor in the School of Physics, will discuss The Science of Origami from 6 to 7 p.m. in Room 152, Clough Commons. physics.gatech.edu

### MISCELLANEOUS

### Feb. 19

The campus community is invited to hear from Institute leadership on the latest initiatives designed to build a culture of community, transparency, and integrity at The Year Ahead: Ethics at Georgia Tech. The panel discussion will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 236, Global Learning Center.

### March 2

The Women's Leadership Conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Historic Academy of Medicine.

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Classes will not meet during Spring Break.

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

## **OFFICE SPACE**



Valarie Thomas, assistant to the executive in the Office of the President, has a view of Tech Lawn from her office on the top floor of the Carnegie Building. The only office on the upper floor, the "bird's nest" has been Thomas' office since May 2015. Her favorite thing about the space is its abundance of natural light. "Some days, it is so bright I can turn off the lights and work quite comfortably with the sun as my only source. How's that for sustainability?" she said. The Carnegie Building was renovated in 2016. See other interesting spaces where Tech employees get down to business at news.gatech.edu/ features/office-space.

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review process, and to elicit support from the campus at large.

"One of the goals of the Office of Admission is to make sure we are equipping you — our Campus Partners — with the information that we have, and the goals that are being set forth, so we can work together to achieve those," Clark said.

"While it's easy at a place the size of Georgia Tech to become siloed within colleges and departments, when it comes to creating the next generation of Yellow Jackets, we are all on the same team and need to be on the same page," he said. "We feel it is our responsibility to lead that charge, but we know, without a doubt, that you are the ones who really help sell Georgia Tech and get students to commit."

One of the opportunities to convince accepted students to choose Tech will be upcoming Gold Carpet Days, on Feb. 18 and April 8. These programs feature all the Institute has to offer and provide an opportunity to answer the pressing questions accepted students may have. Visitors will hear from a student panel, representatives from the Dean of Students Office, Advising, Campus Services, the Georgia Tech Police Department, alumni, and other offices.

Approximately 600 students will attend each event.

To join the Campus Partners email list, complete the form at **application**. gatech.edu/register/campuspartners.

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### Scholarships Available for Children of Tech Employees

The Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Club (GTFWC) is offering up to six scholarships to Georgia Tech undergraduates who have a parent or guardian employed by Georgia Tech/Georgia Tech Research Institute. The scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

A signed application, official transcript, and a short essay are due by Friday, March 1. There is no minimum GPA requirement to apply.

Visit **gtfwc.gatech.edu** or email the GTFWC Scholarship Chair, Sylvia Mallarino, at **sylviamallarino@atlantafinehomes.com** for an application.

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

### REAL ESTATE/ ROOMMATES

Seeking roommate for Loring Heights home (1642 Loring Drive NW). \$1,250/mo, \$500 off first month's rent. Updated w/ cathedral ceilings, ceiling fans, spacious open floor plan. Fully furnished, great backyard. Private furnished bedroom w/ shared bathroom (share w/ one late-20s male). Seeking housemate who is respectful, friendly, clean. Contact Jason, jmetz.ny@gmail.com.

3BR/2BA peaceful, furnished waterfront cottage with a view located along the southern Outer Banks, near Morehead City, North Carolina. Wi-Fi, A/C, W/D, several hammocks, 400' dock, boat slip. No smoking or pets. More info: https://www.vrbo. com/571844, jud.ready@gatech.edu.

For rent: 4BR/2BA Grant Park home, renovated w/ modern interior, approximately 5 miles from Tech campus. Quaint, safe neighborhood, close to Southeast BeltLine. Ideal for family w/ young kids. Can be rented w/ or w/o furniture. Contact dharari3@ gatech.edu.

For sale: 2BR/1BA condo/apartment near Lindbergh Center MARTA Station, ideal for Georgia Tech personnel. 1,010 sq. ft. \$188,500. 425 Lindbergh Drive NE, Apt. E4, Atlanta GA 30305. Contact Cary Lyle, 404-724-8823.

Room available in furnished 2BR Virginia-Highland apt., 1.5 miles from campus. \$750/mo. includes utilities (gas, electric, water, cable TV, Wi-Fi) and use of laundry facilities. Contact carol.colatrella@Imc.gatech.edu.

For rent: Retired professor's 3BR/2BA hilltop home overlooking Atlanta Memorial Park in Buckhead. Close to jogging paths, playground, golf, tennis, Northwest BeltLine, and Morris Brandon Elementary. 5.5 mi. from Tech campus. \$3,200/mo. Contact vibhadesai@hotmail.com, 404-563-5795.

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Light beige dining room table w/ extra leaf, 6 chairs, china hutch. \$400 for all. Must pick up from Powder Springs. Pictures available. Contact swillis@gatech.edu.

CATEA is recruiting employees with disabilities (e.g., mobility impairments, hearing loss, learning disabilities, back pain), for a study of the impact of universal design in the workplace. Participants will be paid \$100 (as long as you complete the 1.5 hour study outside of work hours). More information is available at catea.gatech.edu/ accessible-workplace-study.

Looking for a carpool partner for the daily commute from East Cobb to Tech campus. Email bdespy@hotmail. com.

Cat named Mika looking for a new home. Friendly, cuddly indoor cat with all of her shots (no health problems, spayed). Her owner went off to college, and she is now often home by herself. Contact Molly, 404-983-5390.

Microwave for sale: 1.3 cu. ft. Panasonic, stainless steel, 1 year old, barely used. \$95 OBO. Contact John, 404-430-7600.

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