

Dr. Peterson

Gift Presentation to Honor Gil Amelio and his service to AT&T

11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2014, Wardlaw Center, Poole Boardroom

We've come together today to honor Gilbert F. Amelio, who's had a long, distinguished career as an author, inventor, entrepreneur, investor, communications expert, business executive, management consultant, venture capitalist, and turnaround artist. Have I left anything out? We are gratified to claim Gil as one of our own here at Georgia Tech. He liked us so much that he kept coming back.

After earning his BS in physics in 1965, he finished work on his master's in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1968. And then he sent his son, Anthony "Todd" Amelio, who earned his IM degree in 1987.

Gil might have graduated, but he's never really left the Institute for long. He served on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board from 1981-87, as its chairman in 1985-86, and was an Advisory Board member again from 2006 to 2012.

He was on our Northern California Regional Development Committee from 1995-2000 and our National Campaign Steering Committee from 1997-2000.

He was on the Class of 1965's 25th Reunion Committee. Gil was a member of the Georgia Tech Research Institute Board of Directors from 1982-89 and an ex-officio member of the Georgia Tech Foundation Board of Trustees in 1985-86.

In December 1995, he was a Georgia Tech Commencement Speaker.

If I were to give a full accounting of all Gil's contributions to the many companies and businesses with which he's been affiliated, we could be here all afternoon. Today, we focus on Gil's service to AT&T, where he served on the board of directors from 2005 through 2013. AT&T has made a gift of \$250,000 in his name that will help fund the

G.F. (Gil) Amelio Fellowships in the School of Physics, College of Sciences. On behalf of the Georgia Institute of Technology and all of the students who will benefit from these fellowships, please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and support.

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Hill Society Citation Presentation

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I want to take this opportunity to present a special citation from The Hill Society, Georgia Tech's most prestigious donor recognition group. Charlene and Gil (Amelio), will you please join me?

The Hill Society, named for the historic center of campus, was created at the end of the last campaign to recognize principal philanthropists. At that time, we had approximately 165 charter members. Today, we have more than 400 members. This is a quiet society created to engage and recognize Georgia Tech's most influential supporters.

I want to share a couple of excerpts from this citation for Charlene and Gilbert F. Amelio:

Gilbert F. Amelio, PHYS 1965, MS PHYS 1967, PhD PHYS 1968, has led a life of inspiration and leadership. For the Florida native, the Georgia Institute of Technology felt like home and he made lasting relationships with classmates and faculty while developing a sense of discipline and hard work. He began his brilliant career in the semiconductor and venture capital industries at a young age, starting his first company, a software firm, before graduating from Georgia Tech. After earning his PhD in physics, he went on to hold key leadership positions at Rockwell Communications Systems, National Semiconductor Corporation, and Apple Computers Inc. Since 1998, he has been a management consultant and venture capitalist focusing on early-stage start-ups.

Georgia Tech has become a family tradition for Dr. Amelio, and his son, Anthony "Todd" Amelio, IMGT 1987, followed in his footsteps to North Avenue.

Demonstrating their commitment to the Institute, Dr. Amelio and his wife, Charlene, have provided significant philanthropic support for graduate fellowships,

investments necessary for attracting the world's brightest and most promising graduate students. They have also made a significant bequest provision that will one day benefit faculty in the School of Physics, which will ensure the longevity and future success of the School by aiding in the successful attraction and retention of highly regarded eminent teacher-scholars.

Please join me in recognizing Charlene and Gil Amelio for their outstanding philanthropy and service to Georgia Tech.