

Notes from the President

2016 Georgia Tour Blog Day Three - June 22

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Another early start this morning, this time a great breakfast with our Stone Mountain/Snellville area alumni, at Vecoma at the Yellow River, a beautiful setting owned and operated by Tech grad Caroline Tucker. Approximately 40 alumni, friends, parents and government representatives joined our Georgia Tech contingent to hear about the many exciting things going on at Georgia Tech.

In midmorning, we met in Duluth with USG Regent Richard Tucker at Arlington Capital LLC, a private equity firm where he serves as managing partner. Regent Tucker was kind enough to introduce me at the Alumni Lunch we held later that morning at The 1818 Club in Duluth. The lunch was one of the best-attended events, with over 150 people. Not surprising, given that Gwinnett sends us more students than any other county in Georgia. As was the case for nearly all of our events, Val led the group in a rousing rendition of the Georgia Tech fight song, Ramblin' Wreck.

We spent most of the afternoon at Kimberly-Clark and the General Motors Innovation Center, both in Roswell. At each location, we were met with a large group of our alums and discussed how we could build on our partnerships. Both visits were very positive, but different in that our partnership with Kimberly-Clark, which has been led by Bob Stargel for many years, has been in place for as long as anyone can remember, and our partnership with the General Motors Innovation Center is relatively new. Both visits were very beneficial in helping us to better understand how we can strengthen our collaborative efforts.

Following a late-afternoon meeting with Georgia District 21 State Senator Brandon Beach, we enjoyed an Alumni Reception with about 100 loyal Yellow Jackets at the Golf Club of Georgia in Alpharetta. Tonight, because of Alpharetta's relative proximity to Georgia Tech, we'll have the rare opportunity on Georgia Tour to spend the night in our own beds, but tomorrow we head out early and will travel north from Tech's campus to East Cobb County in the Marietta area for another full day!

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