

REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
HOPE EVENT WITH GOVERNOR BARNES
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- Always happy to welcome Governor Barnes to our campus and have an opportunity to express our appreciation for his support for education and technology development in general, and Georgia Tech in particular. It's great to have a Governor who understands the critical role technology has come to play in our state economy and the contribution GT can make in helping establish Georgia as a center of technology.
- The business capital of the future is intellectual capital. An educated workforce is absolutely essential to an economy based on technology.
- Governor Zell Miller understood that, and in 1993 he created the HOPE Scholarship Program in a bold and visionary move. That first fall of 1993, Georgia Tech's freshman class included almost 600 HOPE scholars.
- We now have HOPE scholars at all undergraduate levels, and the quality of students coming to Tech has been increasing – the average SAT of this year's freshman class is 1330. As a result, we now have more than 4,000 HOPE scholars on our campus at any given time. And a good cross-section of them have joined us here to greet the Governor and show their personal appreciation for the assistance HOPE has provided to help them attend Georgia Tech.
- Today the state of Georgia celebrates the 500,000th HOPE scholar. This important milestone means that 500,000 Georgia citizens have received financial assistance from HOPE to attend a public or private college or a technical institute since the program began in 1993.
- Georgia Tech is proud to have had 12,560 of those scholars enrolled here, and our Tech HOPE scholars have received more than \$68 million in scholarship assistance since 1993. So we are very pleased to join with Governor Barnes in celebrating today.
- Roy Barnes grew up just up the road from Georgia Tech in the little town of Mableton. He went to that other school in Athens for both his bachelor's degree and his law degree. In spite of that, he is a very good friend of Georgia Tech, and we are grateful for his help and support.
- He served in the Georgia Senate for 16 years, then in the Georgia House for six years before being elected Georgia's 80th Governor in 1998.

- As Governor, he has tackled the thorny problem of metro Atlanta's transportation and air quality, creating the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to provide coordinating oversight for the entire metro region. And Georgia Tech is very proud of our contributions to that effort. (Catherine Ross, research projects, Center for Quality Growth)
- Tech is also integrally involved in Governor Barnes' Yamacraw Initiative, which has as its goal to make Georgia a leading center of design for broadband systems, components and chips. (Jim Foley, 22 faculty, Yamacraw Design Center)
- Governor Barnes also has a keen interest in education, and has been working hard to reform and improve K-12 education. Georgia Tech invests a significant level of time and resources working with school kids at all levels to generate interest and knowledge of math, science, and technology. So we are very supportive of all efforts that contribute to improving the quality of education in Georgia.
- We are proud to be a partner with Governor Barnes in his efforts to make Georgia better, and we are proud to welcome him to our campus today in celebration of this important milestone in the Hope Scholarship Program. Governor Barnes...

AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S REMARKS: Introduce Hope Scholar

- We have a lot of our HOPE Scholars here to celebrate with us today, and to speak on their behalf, I'd like to introduce **Emily Beck**.
- Emily is a freshman who came to Tech from Augusta, where she graduated from Evans High School. She was an outstanding student in high school, and was president of the National Honor Society, captain of the Flag Corps, and chosen to be Miss Evans High School.
- Here at Georgia Tech, she is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.
- She has a black belt in the martial arts, and has competed nationally. She teaches self-defense courses, and she donates the money she receives for teaching to the Rape Crisis Center. Emily...