

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
Georgia Tech Gold & White Honors, February 7, 2008

- Pleased to join Joe Irwin and Meade Sutterfield in welcoming you to the 2008 Gold & White Honors.
- Last month Georgia Tech ranked 12<sup>th</sup> among Kiplinger's Best Values in Public Education. Confirmed what we already know from our alumni, who show their appreciation for the value of the education by being most supportive group of alumni of any public university in the nation. So, tonight we honor the best of the best.
- John Quincy Adams (6<sup>th</sup> U.S. president): "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."
- That is what we are trying to do with our students – to help them dream more, learn more, do more, and become more.
- You, our alumni, are a barometer of how well we do. Obvious that our alumni are leaders, movers, and shakers. Equally obvious that you have a deep commitment to service and to giving back to Georgia Tech and to your communities, your state, and this nation.
- It is said that a great university produces great leaders. Not only do we know that to be true; but we can also add a corollary to it: At Georgia Tech, those great leaders, in turn, help to make this university even greater through their leadership and service.
- Tonight, we celebrate the great leaders Georgia Tech has produced, and honor some of the most extraordinary of them:
  - Outstanding Young Alumnus Award – to Troy Rice
  - Honorary Alumnus Award – to 5 women: Jeanne Ferst, Joanne LeCraw, Dorothy Poole, Marilyn Somers, Carolyn Stewart
  - Dean Griffin Community Service Award – to Ray Anderson, David Smith
  - Joseph Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award – highest honor – to Gary Jones, A.J. Land, Roe Stamps, Michael Tennenbaum
- Very proud of each one of them; want to express my personal appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the Institute and the community.
- Also want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your ongoing support and commitment to Georgia Tech. Some of you are award recipients from prior years; others of you will become award recipients in the coming years. But all of you have helped to make Georgia Tech one of the top 10 public universities in the United States.

- We would never have come so far without your help, and with your continued support going forward, we will lift our institutional vision to new heights, raise Georgia Tech's performance to an even higher standard, and move this Institute we love to a level of leadership beyond what others expect from us.