

Update from Georgia Tech President Ángel Cabrera
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From the Desk of the President



President Cabrera and Beth Cabrera represented Georgia Tech at the State Dinner with President Joe Biden and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 22. (Photo credit: AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Dear Friends:

Last week, Beth and I were proud to represent Georgia Tech at the state dinner hosted by President Biden and the first lady in honor of Narendra Modi, the prime minister of India. It was a perfect opportunity to celebrate the immense contributions of Indian and Indian Americans to Georgia Tech and to America's science, technology and business. Over the last decade, the number of students arriving from India to American universities has doubled to almost 200,000, gradually closing in on China for the lead. These students are drawn to America to attend some of the best universities in the world. Indeed, the top twenty destinations for international students last year, which for the first time included Georgia Tech, are all members of the prestigious Association of American Universities. Upon graduation, many choose to stay in the U.S. and thus contribute to America's scientific and business competitiveness as faculty, entrepreneurs, and executives. At Georgia Tech alone, about 3,000 Indian students, as many alumni, and dozens of leading faculty and administrators have helped in countless ways to elevate our academic standing to where it is today.

I admit I may have taken some liberties with black-tie etiquette by wearing the interlocked "GT" pin on the lapel of my tuxedo through the elegant halls and gardens of the White House. And I am glad I did. It was an infallible conversation starter with the impressive cadre

of CEOs and government officials in attendance. Inevitably, these American and Indian leaders would share their favorite Georgia Tech story: the talented employees they had hired or bosses they had worked for, their trusted colleagues and business partners who got their start at Georgia Tech, the innovations they owed to our faculty. Beth and I left the event delighted with the growing global reputation of our alma mater. Then we started making plans for our next travel destination: south Georgia.

As I write, we are in Savannah on the second day of a three-day summer tour across Georgia. By the time we get home tomorrow, we will have traveled more than 850 miles to visit nine cities and attend nearly 20 events.

Yesterday, we toured Robins Air Force Base, the site of one of Georgia Tech's many long and fruitful partnerships with the United States armed forces. For years, Georgia Tech and Robins have collaborated on research, training, and shared resources and facilities. Robins is a partner of the Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute and one of the Georgia Tech Research Institute's top sponsors, served by our Warner Robins Field Office. Hundreds of our alumni work at the base, which also offers our students rare on-site work and research opportunities.

After a stop in Macon, we headed to The Coastal Empire for visits with two of our industry partners: Great Dane — one of the world's largest semi-trailer manufacturers— and Gulfstream — maker of some of the world's best business jets. Both companies are longtime friends, partners, and neighbors of our regional campus in Savannah that support lifelong education, industry collaborations and STEM K-12 camps through our Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing.

We will also visit Brunswick, Valdosta, Albany, Camilla, Columbus, and Newnan. From visit to visit, we'll be talking to local leaders about the best ways we can support their communities. We'll be meeting incoming students, alumni, and state legislators. And we'll be touring local businesses to learn how we can best serve their talent and innovation needs.

That is the beautiful duality of Georgia Tech: a proud public university devoted to serving the people and economy of our state as well as a national and global brand that attracts the best of the best from around the world, contributes strategically to our nation's safety and competitiveness, and helps tackle some of the most pressing challenges we face around the world. Like other strategic assets in our state — think Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport or the Port of Savannah — the stronger we are on the national and global stages, the better we serve our state.

This is the way we do things at Georgia Tech, and I'm thankful for your support, which makes our work possible.

In Progress and Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Angel', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.



AI Hub to Unite Artificial Intelligence Research and Commercialization Efforts

The newly announced AI Hub at Georgia Tech will unite the Institute's many units and centers working on artificial intelligence (AI) across campus. Co-led by faculty members Irfan Essa and Larry Heck, the hub will help Georgia Tech become an international thought leader in AI while driving AI education, research and development, and responsibility.

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Student-Engineered Vehicles at Savoy Automobile Museum

An exhibit at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, features five competitive racing vehicles designed, engineered, and tested by teams from Georgia Tech's Student Competition Center. The exhibit, which also features a replica Ramblin' Wreck, will run through the summer.

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Tech Student Wins at Independent Game Festival

In his final semester at Tech before graduating with a bachelor's degree in computer science, Daniel Carr won the Best Student Game award at the Independent Game Festival in San Francisco for his adventure game, *Slider*.

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Mehrotra Named Scheller College of Business Dean

Following a national search, Georgia Tech alumnus Anuj Mehrotra (Ph.D. OR 1992) has been named the Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Chair and dean of the Scheller College of Business, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Mehrotra has served as the dean of The George Washington University School of Business since 2018 and is also a professor of decision sciences in the school. Associate Professor Jonathan Clarke has been appointed interim dean, effective July 1, following the departure of Maryam Alavi.

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Mike Shannon to Lead University of North Georgia

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia named alumnus Mike Shannon (M.S. HP 2003, Ph.D. NRE 2009), interim executive vice president for Administration and Finance, president of the University of North Georgia, effective July 1.

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Shantay Bolton Named EVP for Administration and Finance

Georgia Tech has selected Shantay Bolton as its new executive vice president (EVP) for Administration and Finance and chief business officer. She joins Tech from Washington University in St. Louis, where she serves as the executive vice chancellor for administration and chief administrative officer. She begins her new role on Aug. 14.

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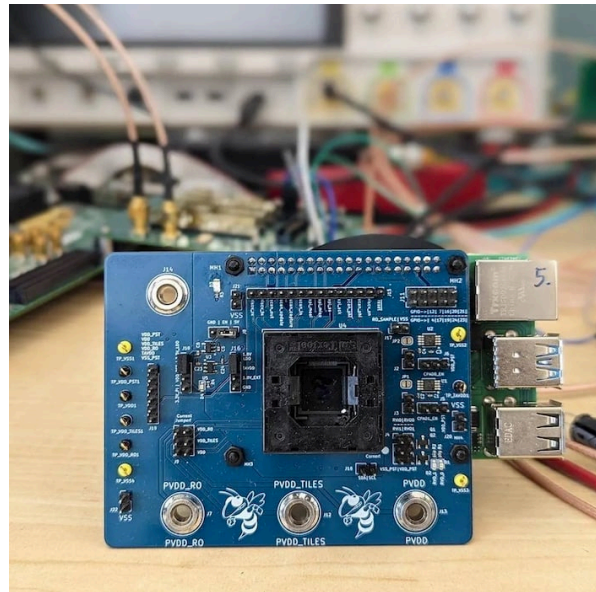
Abbigail Tumpey Named Vice President for Institute Communications

Georgia Tech has selected Abbigail Tumpey as its new vice president for Institute Communications. She joins Tech from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she spent more than 21 years in strategic communications and marketing roles supporting public health. She will begin on July 17.

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Collaboration with Apple Leads to New Chip Development Courses

As demand for engineers with a comprehensive understanding of chip manufacturing continues to soar, the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering is teaming up with Apple to launch an innovative undergraduate course to meet this urgent need. Designed and taught by Professor Visvesh Sathe, the collaborative course is one of only a few in the nation to offer undergraduate students an opportunity to delve into the intricacies of the complete chip design and production cycle.



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GTRI Works to Enhance EV Battery Reuse and Recycling in Georgia

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) is working with industry partners to optimize Georgia's electric vehicle (EV) battery supply chain by developing cost- and energy-efficient methods to recover materials from spent batteries to facilitate reuse and reduce environmental risks.

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New Environmental Science Degree Launches

Developed jointly by faculty of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and the School of Biological Sciences, Georgia Tech's newest interdisciplinary bachelor's degree program in environmental science has launched and is now enrolling students. The new degree program will provide a strong foundation in the basic sciences, such as physics, chemistry, and biology, and will position graduates for leadership positions in industry, academia, and policy.

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