

REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Siemens Westinghouse Reception, November 22, 2002

This weekend celebration honors some of the brightest and most outstanding students in the U.S., as well as some of the best teachers and schools. It is exciting to have you here at Georgia Tech, and to congratulate you in person for this honor.

We are surrounded by the displays of five individual students and three teams from around the southeast who will compete tomorrow to determine the regional champions in the Siemens Westinghouse Science Competition. But regardless of the outcome, you are all winners. You would not be here if you weren't.

I also want to congratulate the students who are here to celebrate their outstanding performance on AP exams. You have consistently scored "high-fives" for college-level work, and we celebrate your success.

I am pleased to join with Siemens Westinghouse and the College Board in honoring the dedicated teachers and schools who have opened doors of opportunity to these bright young people, by offering them a strong array of AP courses, and by doing such an excellent job of teaching them.

Finally, I want to thank the College Board and Siemens Westinghouse for inspiring young people to strive for excellence by making this competition and these honors possible.

Of course, the College Board plays a valuable role for colleges and universities like Georgia Tech by providing common measures of ability and achievement that help us do a better job of evaluating prospective students from across a wide range of schools, school systems, and states.

Siemens Westinghouse not only a strong supporter of quality education, but also education and research partner with Georgia Tech:

- Siemens is a partner in Georgia Tech's Manufacturing Research Center and has research engineers in residence there.
- It sponsors research.
- It provides equipment, support for graduate students, and support for research engineers working on projects of interest to the company.
- Peter Drexel of Siemens is on College of Engineering Advisory Board.
- Georgia Tech provides workshops/short course for Siemens employees.
- Georgia Tech has co-op students at Siemens and study-abroad students interning with Siemens in Germany.

I thank Siemens Westinghouse and the College Board for sponsoring this weekend of festivities honoring these very special students, teachers and schools. It is a privilege for Georgia Tech to host this event, and we hope to see some of these outstanding students back on campus as freshmen.