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PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE

Georgia Tech

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A Letter from the Vice President for Student Engagement and Well-Being

Aloha Parents and Families,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you to the Yellow Jacket family! My name is Luoluo Hong, and I have the honor of serving as your vice president for Student Engagement and Well-Being. In my role, I oversee and work with many of the programs and services that are outside of the classroom, yet really important to contributing to your holistic success while at Georgia Tech.

In Student Engagement and Well-Being, we recognize the vital role that parents and family members play in the lives of our students and the unique time of your own lives as you support your student's transition. Through our three programmatic divisions, we provide your student with an interlocking web of support that is here with you throughout your entire time at Georgia Tech to maximize your experiences and challenges with the goal of having a successful academic journey. We are here for the good times, the tough times, for when you triumph, and when you make mistakes.

This resource guide is full of the information you and your student will need for their success at Tech! I encourage you to keep it handy as a resource to support both their achievements and challenges. And if there is something that you don't see, don't hesitate to ask and our office and team of support staff will be ready to assist!

Go Jackets!

Luoluo Hong, PhD, MPH
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Student Engagement & Well-Being

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A Message from the Office of the Dean of Students

Dear Yellow Jacket Family Members,

Congratulations! I know you must feel a great sense of pride in your student's accomplishments. Being accepted to Georgia Tech is truly something to be proud of. I want you to know that we appreciate the confidence you have placed in Georgia Tech to provide your student with many wonderful opportunities for learning in and out of the classroom.

Georgia Tech places the highest value on each student's academic, social, and professional development. We have a proud history of fostering the personal and professional achievement that transforms today's outstanding students into tomorrow's extraordinary leaders.

As a part of Student Engagement and Well-Being, Parent and Family Programs is committed to providing the resources, services, and opportunities for families to help their students succeed at Georgia Tech.

We look forward to meeting you and working together in support of your student's experience here at Georgia Tech. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at **john.stein@studentlife.gatech.edu**.

Go Jackets!

John M. Stein
Associate Vice President for Student Life and Brandt-Fritz Dean of Students Chair

Welcome Families!

We are excited for your student's next chapter to begin, and we hope your student's time at Georgia Tech will be a unique journey filled with many new experiences, successes, and challenges.

Your student's college experience is an exciting time for the entire family, and your role in your student's life is integral. Research shows that family involvement is critical to student success. Parent and Family Programs want you to engage in our campus community – we can help you navigate Georgia Tech, assist you and your student, and truly make you feel part of the Georgia Tech community.

We encourage you to stay connected with your student's experience as you encourage them to grow and develop. College is the time to let your student take all the good advice you have given them and put it to the test. When your student succeeds, CELEBRATE! When they don't, LISTEN. Asking open-ended questions will encourage dialogue and assist with the adjustment to your new roles. Provide your best care and support when needed for those challenging times and use the resources we provide to help your student develop a resolution plan.

Parent and Family Programs (PFP) is excited to partner with you to provide various opportunities to promote student success through our office. We will serve as a resource to you while you continue to support your student during the college transition.

Parent and Family Programs will keep you:

- **INVOLVED:** Provide meaningful engagement opportunities — for you, as you support your student, both virtually and in-person.
- **INFORMED:** Provide timely information about services, programs, and opportunities — for you and your student.
- **INVESTED:** Affirm your critical and evolving role during the initial collegiate transition through graduation and beyond.

Your involvement and support role begins now! The first step to being involved, informed, and invested as a supporter of your student is to create your free account on the Yellow Jacket Family Hive. This is a place just for you to learn and engage with the Georgia Tech community — get started at **gatech.campusesp.com**.

We look forward to being a resource for you while your student is at Georgia Tech. On behalf of the Parent and Family Programs staff, we wish you and your student a successful year.

With Yellow Jacket pride,

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Yellow Jacket Family Hive

Supporting You as You Support Your Student

Helpful Transition Tips

Familial support contributes significantly to student success at Georgia Tech. Here are some helpful tips on how to assist your student during this exciting transition.

- **Learn** about the support services available to you and your student.
- **Help** your student understand that because Georgia Tech is in an urban setting, there are certain safety precautions that they will need to take.
- **Challenge** your student to identify, define, and solve problems independently. This will help them succeed now and in the future.
- **Be Alert** to signs that your student is under significant stress, is taking unhealthy risks, or is ill. Discuss concerns with your student and assist them in developing a plan to address the problem. There are many campus resources available to help your student through these issues.
- **Encourage** your student to set and achieve personal goals and make responsible decisions related to academics, career planning, social interactions, and community engagement.
- **Listen** to and support your student as they face uncertainty and learn to perform in complex environments and challenging situations.
- **Allow** your student to accept the consequences of their actions and accept responsibility for personal errors. Urge your student to examine disappointments and unexpected experiences to assess what caused them, what can be done about them, and how to avoid them in the future.
- **Understand** the limitations regarding access to student records, as delineated by federal requirements outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- **Support** and encourage your student as they learn, perform, lead, and serve through campus and community activities.
- **Stay Connected** by participating in volunteer opportunities. Georgia Tech has many offerings for all members of our community to get involved.

Campus Contacts

Center for Mental Health Care & Resources

mentalhealth.gatech.edu
404.894.2575

Dining

dining.gatech.edu 404.894.5721

Georgia Tech Police Department

police.gatech.edu 404.894.2500

Housing and Residence Life

housing.gatech.edu 404.894.2470

Office of the Bursar (Tuition and Billing)

bursar.gatech.edu

Office of the Registrar (Academic Records)

registrar.gatech.edu

Parking and Transportation Services

pts.gatech.edu 404.385.7275

Stamps Health Services

health.gatech.edu 404.894.1420

Student Life & Dean of Students

studentlife.gatech.edu 404.894.2565

Wellness Empowerment Center

wellnesscenter.gatech.edu
404.894.9980

Campus Calendars

For information about various dates and events on campus, please visit the following online calendars:

Georgia Tech Campus Calendar

calendar.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech Athletics

ramblinwreck.com/all-sports-schedule

Georgia Tech Arts

arts.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech Alumni Association

gtalumni.org/calendar

Campus Map
map.gatech.edu

Mail Call

Stay in touch with your student by sending a card, letter, or care package to brighten their day! To make sure any mail you send is received, please read through the information at **studentcenter.gatech.edu/student-mail**. All mail can be picked up at the customer service desk at the Post Office, on the first floor of the John Lewis Student Center. Students can find their mail information on BuzzPort.

Reminders for You and Your Student

Student Conduct

It is important to revisit your family's core values in conversations about sensitive issues students will face at college. Presenting scenarios that may challenge your student's values and asking them how they would react will serve as an affirmation for when they will have to negotiate with roommates, friends, faculty, and peers.

You should also advise your student what the consequences would be, should they incur a conduct violation. Most parents do not expect their students to commit a conduct violation — and most will not. However, just as you have held them accountable for poor choices in the first 18 years of their lives, you also can help them learn that poor choices made in college will continue to have consequences throughout their lives.

Georgia Tech expects students to behave in accordance with federal, state, and local laws as well as Institute rules, regulations, and policies. A complete list of policies, rules, and regulations is available at **policylibrary.gatech.edu**.

Safety — Physical and Virtual

Georgia Tech is a big campus in a very big city — neither has gates. Students, staff, and faculty are all subject to the same dangers on campus that they would be in any metropolitan area. Remind your student to use good common sense when it comes to personal safety — walk in groups, lock their room and apartment doors, never prop open doors to rooms, stairwells, or buildings, do not leave personal or private belongings in plain view in a room or vehicle, etc.

Additionally, in this age of technology, students are also subject to the dangers of the virtual world. It is wise for students to protect their electronic information by taking such precautions as logging off their computers when not in use and avoiding sharing too much personal information in online communities, such as Instagram, Snapchat, and X.

Personal Relationships

Personal struggles are a reality for most college students. Relationship issues and managing stress consume a great deal of your student's energy and cause worry for you as a family member. The "instant" friendships developed initially due to proximity in activities, classes, and living arrangements may not withstand the test of time. There may also be a broken heart or two along the way. It is crucial to understand that these struggles are an important and natural part of your student's development. Offering an understanding and sympathetic ear may be the best thing you can do to help your student deal with relationship issues.

Community

The Georgia Institute of Technology welcomes and embraces a wide variety of intellectual and cultural perspectives. Our commitment to developing and maintaining an open, friendly, and productive environment is reflected throughout the campus. Everyone has something to contribute to the Georgia Tech experience. Georgia Tech is dedicated to learning, teaching, and serving society through education, research, and public service. The Institute strives to foster a climate of fairness, cooperation, and professionalism and encourages students to embrace those who are different. We encourage our families to support our students in learning about others who are different from them, which will allow them to learn more about themselves and extend their learning outside the classroom.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Unlike in high school, in college, the educational records belong to the student, regardless of the student's age. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. While FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their student's education records, these rights transfer to the student when they reach the age of 18 or attend a college or university. If you are interested in knowing about your student's grades and academic performance, ask your student to print their unofficial transcript (available at any time) or request that they order an official transcript to be sent to you. The student is the only one who can request a transcript. Staff in the Registrar's Office cannot give out information related to grades or the academic record. The best way for families to learn about their students' lives at Georgia Tech is to ask them and of course, Parent and Family Programs is here to assist and facilitate helpful conversations when needed to ensure you and your student have a great experience.

Office of the Registrar

registrar.gatech.edu
404.894.4150

The Office of the Registrar maintains the official academic record for all matriculated students and implements the Institute's academic policies including those affecting registration. The Office of the Registrar website is a great resource for information related to the academic calendar, rules and regulations, forms, the Catalog, the online degree audit system, and many other services. Parents are encouraged to visit the website to learn what information is there to assist students, parents, and the campus community.

Office of Student Integrity

osi.gatech.edu 404.894.2566

The Office of Student Integrity (OSI) wants to make sure that parents and families of Georgia Tech students understand that student integrity is everyone's responsibility. Student integrity refers to the actions and behaviors that students engage in that reflect a commitment to ethics and principled decision-making. This includes academic honesty and behavior that takes place in out-of-classroom settings. We also encourage students to be mindful of their behavior when they are off-campus and away from Georgia Tech — as Yellow Jackets, their deeds and words reflect on the Institute. The process of learning is often as important as the product, and there are no shortcuts in education. Furthermore, a safe and civil environment is critical to the learning process.

The Office of Student Integrity addresses three types of cases:

- Academic Integrity Violations
- Code of Conduct Violations
- Student Organization Violations

We thank you for your assistance as we seek to hold students to the highest of standards — not just for their own personal security and success, but to protect the value and credibility of the Georgia Tech degree.

Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy

The purpose of Georgia Tech's Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy is to educate students about the lawful and responsible use of alcohol and illegal drugs. To maintain an environment that is consistent with the Institute's educational focus, Georgia Tech complies with all federal, state, and local laws and policies, including the policies of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on the abuse of alcohol and other drugs by its students. The legal drinking age in the state of Georgia is 21.

Each member of the Georgia Tech community should be involved in the implementation of and compliance with this policy. Unless otherwise stated by law, individuals always retain responsibility for their actions regardless of their mental or physical state, even if altered by alcoholic beverages or other drugs. The full policy is available by visiting the policies tab on the Office of Student Integrity website, osi.gatech.edu.

Good Samaritan / Medical Amnesty Provision

The health and safety of members of the Georgia Tech community are the primary concerns of the Institute. We are committed to ensuring that students obtain timely medical assistance for themselves and their peers. To this end, we have instituted this Good Samaritan / Medical Amnesty Provision to ensure that students do not delay seeking medical assistance for fear of disciplinary action by the Institute. The full provision is available by visiting the policies tab on the Office of Student Integrity website, osi.gatech.edu.

Parental Notification Policy

Parents of students under the age of 21 may be notified when a student is found responsible for violating the Georgia Tech Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy when any of the following occur:

- When students endanger themselves or other students while under the influence of alcohol or other substances in instances including DUI, fighting, alcohol poisoning, and hospitalization.
- When the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students determines that any future violations of the Institute's policy will most likely result in suspension or expulsion from Georgia Tech.
- When a student integrity or housing officer determines that any future violations of the Institute's policy will likely result in removal from housing.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the entire Georgia Tech community to uphold the integrity of the environment and to maintain the safety and security of the campus community. The staff in the Office of Student Integrity are committed to the success of all our students and serve as a partner in promoting a community of trust where every decision is made with integrity.

Student Engagement and Well-Being

Student Engagement and Well-Being is an educational organization that develops diverse student leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition, by enhancing engagement, promoting holistic wellness, and cultivating inclusive communities.

We facilitate this mission via:

- high-impact co-curricular programs
- exceptional services and inspiring spaces
- practices informed by science and art
- authentic collaborations
- strategic, transformative change

Student Engagement and Well-Being (SEWB) is comprised of the Office of the Vice President and three Divisions: Arts, Belonging, and Community; Campus Services; and Student Life.

Arts, Belonging, and Community

belonging.gatech.edu

Formed in Fall 2023, Arts, Belonging and Community (ABC) integrated existing departments and programs, and will establish new ones over a multi-year period. The unifying goal is to promote and sustain a sense of belonging and community for all students across all identities, in particular those students who come from historically marginalized or underserved communities. The units include Student and Campus Event Centers; Black Culture, Innovation, and Technology; Georgia Tech Arts; and Intercultural Student Programs. ABC also includes various resource centers that support students' holistic college success.

Campus Services

campusservices.gatech.edu

Campus Services provides a comprehensive range of amenities and services that meet students' basic needs, enhance wellness, and ensure that students can thrive throughout their time in college. Campus Services also supports faculty, staff, and visitors of Georgia Tech. The Campus Services departments include Tech Dining, Housing and Residence Life, Stamps Health Services, and the Campus Recreation Center, as well as Auxiliary Services, which includes the bookstore and child care services.

Student Life

studentlife.gatech.edu

Student Life supports the mission of Georgia Tech by enhancing the student experience through co-curricular programs and support services that focus on student transition, learning, leadership, wellness, and success, as well as student and family engagement. In addition, the Dean of Students Office, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2022, offers advocacy, assists students in the resolution of problems, provides information about and referrals to campus resources, and promotes initiatives that address students' needs and interests.

Student Engagement and Well-Being
students.gatech.edu

Academic Engagement and Success

Building a Support Network: It Takes a Village

Just like with most successful people in life, students who surround themselves with caring, knowledgeable people are more likely to succeed.

Undergraduate Advising & Transition

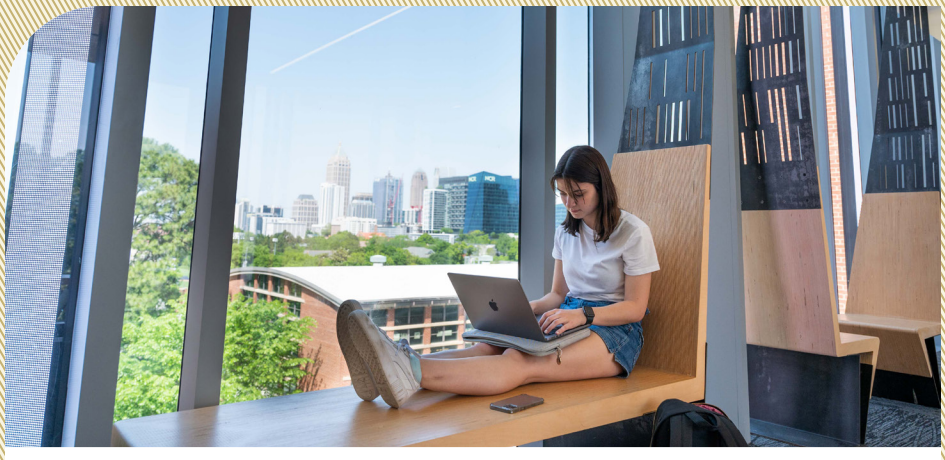
advising.gatech.edu

All entering students are assigned an academic advisor depending on their declared major at Georgia Tech. Advisors are responsible for helping students plan an academic program suited to their interests, abilities, and career goals that will meet the requirements of their major and graduation. Frequent use of student-advisor contact is a proven factor in student success. Undergraduate Advising & Transition (UAT) includes exploratory advising, academic coaching, academic intervention programs and services for students who are experiencing academic difficulty (such as GT2100), and other student success programs and workshops. Academic coaching is available to all undergraduate students who are interested in strengthening their executive functioning skills (planning, time management, organization, etc.), setting goals for the semester (which includes task initiation and flexibility), and creating an accountability plan. Exploratory advising is available to all undergraduate students who are interested in exploring majors, minors, certificates, and other academic options at Georgia Tech.

GT 1000: First-Year Seminar & GT 2000: Transfer Student Seminar

transitionseminars.oue.gatech.edu

GT 1000 & 2000 are one-credit hour, letter-graded seminar courses offered in fall, spring, and summer semesters. GT 1000 is for incoming first-year students, and GT 2000 is for incoming transfer students. These courses are committed to supporting the successful transition and experience of new Georgia Tech students. Each section meets one hour per week and is taught by either an academic faculty member, a credentialed staff member, or an administrator with an advanced degree. All sections utilize successful, experienced students as peer facilitators, referred to as 'Team Leaders,' who work closely with the instructor to promote small group interaction and offer advice and support to first-year and transfer students.



Tutoring & Academic Support

tutoring.gatech.edu
404.894.1945
tutoring@gatech.edu

Georgia Tech is challenging — that is one reason your students are here: to show themselves and the world that they can meet the demands of a rigorous education. Part of excelling is getting help when it is needed! We have the resources and staff to help make your student's journey to graduation easier and more rewarding. Students taking advantage of Tutoring & Academic Support (TAS) services achieve higher grades in their courses. TAS offers appointment-based tutoring, drop-in tutoring, peer-led study sessions, and learning assistance within the classroom.

OMED: Educational Services

omed.gatech.edu 404.894.3959

OMED: Educational Services, a unit within the office of the Senior Vice Provost for Education and Learning, cultivates a culture of academic and inclusive excellence, empowering students from all backgrounds to address global issues and enhance the human condition through technological innovation. Throughout its 40+ year history, OMED has led programs and initiatives to address the Institute charge regarding the retention, development, and academic success of traditionally underrepresented students.

OMED serves all Georgia Tech undergraduate and graduate students across all classifications and majors. OMED offers over 16 programs and initiatives including: Challenge, FOCUS, Career Immersion, Study Abroad, Academic Support/ tutoring, Academic Empowerment Grants, Tower Awards, 4 peer mentoring/coaching programs, Technology and Innovation Learning Experience (TILE), Math Study Sessions, NPHC Soulful Study Sessions, and student advocacy through advising and recommendations.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

urop.gatech.edu

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) offers resources and support for students to engage in research, scholarly, and creative projects on campus. Programs include the President's Undergraduate Research Awards (PURA), the Research Option, and peer mentoring through the student-led Undergraduate Research Ambassadors. Our showcase event is the Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium, where students present their work to the campus community.

Global Learning Opportunities

Office of International Education

oie.gatech.edu

The Office of International Education (OIE) is here to help your student engage with the Georgia Tech global community both in Atlanta and throughout the world. We hope that you will encourage your student to explore the many ways that they can enhance their Georgia Tech experience and develop a global perspective by joining the International Plan, studying and interning abroad, or getting involved in the many on-campus events, programs, or initiatives supporting international students and experiences while also celebrating the diversity of the Georgia Tech Community.

Georgia Tech-Europe

europe.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech-Europe (GTE), formerly known as Georgia Tech-Lorraine, was established in 1990 in Metz, France. Tech's highly innovative European off-campus instructional site offers programs that create synergies between academics, research, and innovation. More than 11,000 undergraduate, master's and doctoral students have spent a semester or more at GTE enriching their education with a global perspective.

Academic College Information

Degree programs and requirements, course descriptions, and other important academic information are available online at catalog.gatech.edu.

For specific information on academic advising within each of Georgia Tech's six colleges, visit the college's website.

College of Design

design.gatech.edu/academics

College of Computing

cc.gatech.edu/program-advising

College of Engineering

coe.gatech.edu/undergraduate-academics

Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

iac.gatech.edu/students/undergraduate/academic_advising

Scheller College of Business

scheller.gatech.edu/explore-programs/undergraduate/student-services/academic-advising.html

College of Sciences

cos.gatech.edu/undergraduate-degree-programs

Life on Campus

Housing and Residence Life

housing.gatech.edu

At Georgia Tech, calling Housing and Residence Life "home" offers residents a supportive and enriching environment that fosters personal growth and academic success. With dedicated staff members who prioritize safety and well-being, residents experience a sense of belonging that extends beyond the classroom. Georgia Tech's Housing and Residence Life cultivates a family-like atmosphere where students forge lifelong friendships, with access to valuable resources such as: study rooms, meeting spaces, in-house tutoring space, easy access to campus transportation, dining halls, workout rooms, and laundry facilities.

The Ins and Outs of Roommate Relationships

As a parent with a student who decides to enhance their college experience by living on or near campus, you likely have a lot of questions and maybe some concerns about this new living experience. We've included some helpful tips for both you and your student to keep in mind during this new journey!

While the answers to all these questions will affect your student's college experience, there is another important factor that can have a big impact: "Will my student get along with their roommate?"

Communication is key! Open, honest, and considerate dialogue between roommates will help foster a fun, comfortable, and safe living space for everyone and can result in wonderful lifelong friendships. The more each individual focuses on the things they have in common with their roommate, the happier everyone will be.

When things get hot, keep your cool.

When two or more people move into the same space, odds are that their preferences will differ when it comes to how to set the thermostat. Encourage your student to have a discussion with their roommates and come up with a comfortable temperature everyone can agree on, both for the air conditioning during the warmer months and heat during the winter.

The more the merrier?

Most students are excited to meet their roommate and find that they have a lot in common. The roommate relationship can change, however, if one roommate enjoys more social activity than the other. Take some time to discuss this possibility with your student before they move into the residence hall. Your student may enjoy finding a good balance between their studies and spending time with friends but have a roommate who prefers to focus on quiet study. Encourage your student to voice any concerns they may have in this area when they work with their Resident Assistant on the roommate contract.

Keep it clean.

Cleanliness issues can lead to discord among roommates. One person's definition of "clean" may not match up with that of their roommate. Some students have grown up having their own bedroom and bathroom, while others may have shared a bedroom and bathroom with one or more siblings. Encourage your student to get to know a little bit about their roommate's background. It can really help them anticipate what their roommate means when they say "clean."

Keep it down!

Does your student like to listen to loud music? Do they prefer peace and quiet while they study? If the roommates disagree about noise levels, encourage your student to bring up the subject in an open and friendly way. A music-loving student may opt to wear headphones in consideration of their quieter roommate. A student who enjoys peaceful study may not mind studying in a lounge in the residence hall or the library.

Managing Roommate Conflict

Your student will live with other students who are going through similar changes, which can sometimes cause conflict. If students are experiencing roommate conflicts, they should reach out to their RA to let them know what is happening.

Review the Roommate Agreement or create a new Roommate Agreement with their RA. If the conflict persists, encourage your student to reach out to their Community Coordinator. Our Community Coordinators are Master's level professionals trained in conflict management and are here to help your student.

TIP: Allowing your student to handle these situations independently is the best way to teach them essential problem-solving skills. Remember, due to FERPA, we are limited on the information we can share directly with you and will always work with your student first.

Tech Dining

dining.gatech.edu

Tech Dining's goal is to provide outstanding value and quality for students. With options that span from Asian-inspired fare to southern cuisine, we can serve every guest with a quality dining experience. Tech Dining has a special focus on tailoring the dining program to fit the intellectually dynamic and diverse community at Georgia Tech.

Dining on campus isn't one size fits all. The meal plans have been engineered with students in mind. Brittain, North Avenue, and West Village offer all-you-care-to-eat dining with unlimited weekday and weekend meal plans. The Dining Dollars that come with the meal plans give students added flexibility to dine at retail locations on campus when they are not able to make it to the dining halls to eat a meal. Unlimited meal plan holders are also allowed to take one to-go meal out of the dining hall each day with our reusable to-go containers. If a student is looking to enjoy a meal with friends or just a snack on the go — there's a plan to fit every appetite.

A major focus of empowering students to make healthy lifestyle choices, which is an essential part of Tech Dining's primary mission. Each diner has unique needs and Tech Dining is here to make sure those needs are met. Each dining hall features options for vegan, vegetarian, Halal, gluten-free, and allergen-conscience needs. If students require assistance, our professional culinary staff and certified dietician can help identify delicious choices regardless of any dietary restrictions.

In addition to traditional dining halls, Tech Dining operates more than 20 retail locations across campus. Students are never far from a hearty meal or a quick bite between classes. Dining hours vary by location; we take special care to offer services that match the non-typical schedule of college students. Students who are in a rush can use our app for mobile ordering or stop by multiple locations including a variety of food trucks for grab-and-go meals.

Parking and Transportation Services

pts.gatech.edu 404.385.7275

All students are eligible to register for a parking permit. Parking permit assignments are made on a space-available basis according to priorities established by the Institute. Georgia Tech offers extensive on-campus transit services to accommodate student needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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THE CONNECTOR

APARTMENT & COMMUNITY FEATURES

- Free Wifi
- Stainless Steel Appliances
- Hardwood Style Flooring
- In Unit Washer and Dryer
- Controlled Electronic Access
- Smart TV in Living Room and Bedroom*
- Memory Foam Mattress
- Quartz Countertops
- Fully-Furnished
- Farm House Sinks
- Premium Finishes
- Private Bathrooms
- Coffee & Breakfast Bar
- Study Cafe & Reading Nook
- Hammock & Herb Garden
- Sky Lounge & Gaming Zone
- Yoga Studio & Fitness Center
- Pet Wash & Dog Run
- Sauna & Spa
- Outdoor Yoga Garden
- Rooftop Pool & Sun Shelf
- Hot Tub & Cabanas
- Outdoor Theater Lawn
- Game Lawn & Grilling Area

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STUDENT QUARTERS

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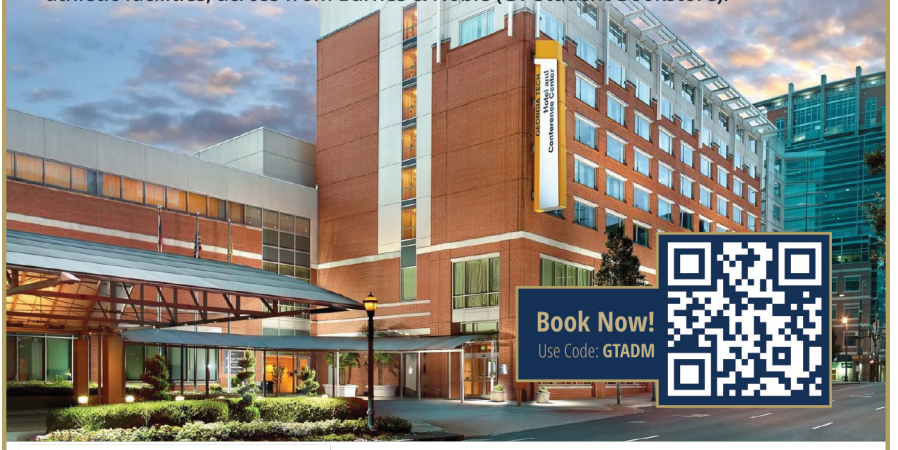
Fully wired for business and just steps from academic buildings and athletic facilities, across from Barnes & Noble (GT Student Bookstore).



Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center

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Gatechhotel.com | Reservations@gatechhotel.com

Campus Safety and Security

Providing a safe and secure environment is Georgia Tech's top priority. Faculty, staff, and administrators devote significant resources to the provision and maintenance of a safe and secure campus community. As members of the campus community, students also contribute to the well-being of their peers and themselves.

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About Us

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) is comprised of certified police officers and public safety officers with the vast majority assigned to directly patrol the campus, and is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, there are emergency phones and security cameras strategically located across campus. GTPD offers a range of free safety classes including Crime Prevention 101, self-defense, Citizens Police Academy, and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events. The Georgia Tech Annual Security & Safety Report, at police.gatech.edu/Georgia-tech-annual-safety-security-reports, includes statistics of crimes and helpful information about the campus.

Reporting

The GTPD Operations Center is staffed 24/7. Calls for service come to the Operations Center via the telephone, through the LiveSafe smartphone app, emergency elevator buttons, or directly from the network of Blue Light Emergency Phones across the entire campus. The Operations Center subscribes to AT&T Language Line to assist with translating over 140 languages. When placing a wireless 911 call from the Tech campus, the call will go directly to the Atlanta 911 Communications Center and transfer to the GTPD Operations Center for assistance. To reduce any delays, all campus callers are encouraged to contact the GTPD Operations Center directly at 404.894.2500 instead of using 911 while on campus.

LiveSafe Campus Safety App

police.gatech.edu/livesafe

LiveSafe is a free Android/iOS application that turns mobile phones into personal safety devices. The app allows the user to report emergencies and includes features such as Go Safe, a family and friend GPS tracker with a built-in panic button that will notify GTPD with the user's phone GPS location, as well as campus maps and campus phone numbers. Students are encouraged to download the application on their mobile phone.

Campus Emergency Notification System

prepare.gatech.edu/gtens

As part of its ongoing effort to safeguard students, faculty, and staff, Tech has implemented an emergency communications system that includes the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) and the outdoor audio Siren Warning System (SWS). The GTENS system allows students to receive time-sensitive emergency messages in the form of e-mail, voice, and text messages. GTENS also connects with the department's social media accounts, campus digital signage and the main Institute website. Families are encouraged to sign up as well!

Preparing for Emergencies with Your Student

During your student's time at Georgia Tech, we may need to contact you regarding an emergency. Our ability to do so depends on the accuracy of the emergency contact information Georgia Tech has in the BuzzPort student portal. Please urge your student to register your emergency contact information including cell phone number, home phone number(s), personal e-mail addresses, and your employer's name and phone number. This information is confidential. It is the student's responsibility to update your contact information by using the BuzzPort student portal, buzzport.gatech.edu.

TIP: We encourage our families to talk to their students and create a plan for how they will communicate in an emergency on campus or a natural disaster. Making these plans now and intermittently reviewing them will be helpful should an emergency occur.

Money Matters

Bursar's Office

bursar.gatech.edu 404.894.4618
bursar.ask@gatech.edu

The Bursar's Office is responsible for assessing student tuition and fees, collecting payments, and billing. The Bursar's Office does not mail invoices. Students may access their student account by logging into BuzzPort and clicking the Pay Now link to the Bill+Payment portal. Secure online payment by electronic check or credit card can be made through the portal and students may also authorize parents to view their bill and make payment through the portal. Visit **bursar.gatech.edu/content/parent-payment-instructions** for parent payment instructions. Payments made online through the portal are reflected immediately on the student account.

Students and parents may also access the portal directly by using the Student/Parent Pay Now links on the **bursar.gatech.edu** home page.

For tuition and fee information, visit the Bursar's Office website **bursar.gatech.edu**.

The site includes the following topics plus many more:

- Final Fee Payment Deadlines
- Understanding Your Student's Account
- Payment Options

Important Policies

- All communications regarding the student account are sent directly to the student's Tech email address, not to authorized users.
- It is the student's responsibility to verify that their account is paid in full no later than the final payment deadline for the semester.
- Students must grant access for authorized users (parents and others) to view and make payments to their accounts using the Bill+Payment portal. Authorized users will be sent their own unique login credentials.
- The Bursar's Office does not mail invoices. The student's account activity and invoices may be viewed online through the Bill+Payment portal.
- Final payment deadlines are posted one year in advance on the Bursar's Office calendar at **bursar.gatech.edu/calendar**. Familiarize yourself with the final payment deadlines for each term your student attends Georgia Tech.
- Class schedules may be canceled for students failing to pay their account in full by the final payment deadline.
- All payments, including payments from 529 Plans, must be timed to arrive prior to the final payment deadline.

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

finaid.gatech.edu

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid advisors are available to assist students and parents in identifying and applying for financial assistance when family resources are insufficient to meet educational expenses. Our office offers individual financial aid advising assistance by email, over the phone, or in person. If you have a question about financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study (need-based campus employment), or would like help with any part of the financial aid process, please visit our website finaid.gatech.edu to review the best options for contacting us.

You may access the Georgia Tech Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, Cost of Attendance webpage for up-to-date Georgia Tech cost information at finaid.gatech.edu/costs/cost-of-attendance. Financial Aid offers a net price calculator at finaid.gatech.edu/costs/net-price-calculator. This tool is for planning purposes only and may help determine approximately how much money your student requires to attend Georgia Tech and how much financial aid they need to meet that goal.

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What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Financial aid funds may come from federal, state, institutional, and private sources. Co-op, internship, and audit hours are not eligible for financial aid.

There are two basic types of financial aid:

- **Gift Funds —** money that does not need to be repaid.
- **Self-Help Funds —** money that is borrowed and must be repaid or earned through working while enrolled in eligible hours.

Georgia Tech also offers a variety of creative ways to pay for your education. Visit news.em.gatech.edu/paying-for-college to learn more about student perspectives on paying for college.

Financial aid advisors are available year-round to answer your questions, inform you about the full range of resources available to students and parents, and help you apply for financial aid. We encourage students and families to visit the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid website for more information at finaid.gatech.edu. Students may view the status of financial aid requirements through Oscar at oscar.gatech.edu. Students and families should be familiar with financial aid deadlines: to view aid deadlines visit finaid.gatech.edu. Returning students must reapply for financial aid each year.

BuzzCard

buzzcard.gatech.edu
404.894.2899

All Georgia Tech students are required to have a BuzzCard for identification. New students will be asked to submit a photo of their choice online to be presented on the BuzzCard. As a part of the online photo submission process, students are required to present state or federal-issued identification before they can receive their first BuzzCard. Students may use their BuzzCard to swipe or tap for meals at dining halls as well as for access to athletic events and various campus services and facilities. Funds may be added to the BuzzCard Fund account and the account can be used as a declining balance debit card that is accepted at many campus locations including vending machines, laundry facilities, and stores.

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LGBTQIA Resource Center

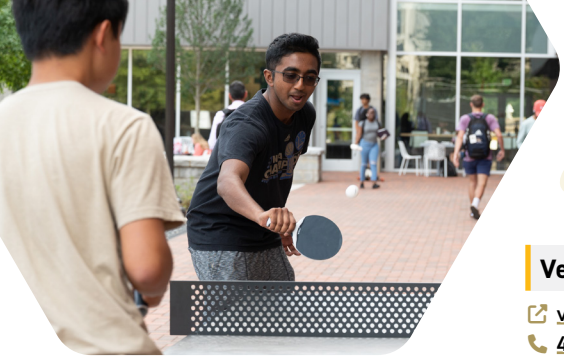
lgbtqia.gatech.edu 404.385.4780

The LGBTQIA Resource Center coordinates a range of programs and events throughout the year aimed at educating students about LGBTQIA issues, provide a LGBTQIA-inclusive space to build community and explore identity, and facilitate conversations about belonging.

Office of Disability Services

disabilityservices.gatech.edu
404.894.2563 (Voice)
404.894.1664 (TDD)

The Office of Disability Services collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to create an environment that is accessible, sustainable, and inclusive of all members of the Georgia Tech community. To register for academic accommodations, students will submit an intake form found on our website and submit appropriate documentation. Students will meet with a member of the Disability Services staff, and eligibility and reasonable accommodations will be determined.



Office of Information Technology

oit.gatech.edu 404.894.7173

All incoming students are required to own laptops that can be carried to class. Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech provides educational discounts to students purchasing hardware, software, and peripherals as well as trained personnel who can assist with technological needs. ResNet (the Residential Network) provides comprehensive support, including telephone and onsite technical assistance, to residents of the on-campus residence halls. Georgia Tech's Office of Information Technology (OIT) Support Center is available for questions about hardware configurations and can help troubleshoot software applications. Visit sco.gatech.edu to learn more about Student Computer Ownership.

Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources (STAR)

star.studentlife.gatech.edu
404.894.7827
steve.fazenbaker@gatech.edu

STAR (Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources) is a network of programs providing students with everything they need to thrive and flourish during their time at Georgia Tech. We believe every Georgia Tech student can succeed, but every student's situation is unique. Sometimes an unfortunate circumstance can derail a student's academic progress, and temporary assistance is needed to get back on track. Also, access to resources varies among students; it is imperative that all students have access to the resources they need.

Veterans Resource Center

veterans.gatech.edu
404.385.2064
dross35@gatech.edu

The Veterans Resource Center promotes student learning and development and supports degree completion for students who are veterans, military, reservists, guard members, and dependents by providing comprehensive support services that enhance and complement the academic experience.

Women's Resource Center

womenscenter.gatech.edu
404.385.0230

The Georgia Tech Women's Resource Center advances gender equity across identities by cultivating opportunities for community building, transformative learning, collaborative leadership, and identity development for graduate and undergraduate women.

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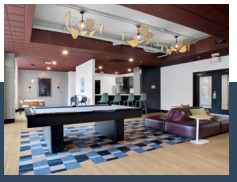

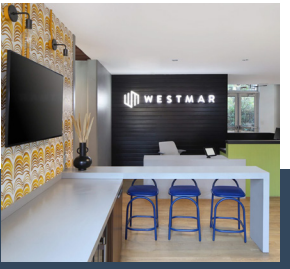

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Life Outside the Classroom

As studies show, involvement in out-of-class activities is important and increases student satisfaction with the overall college experience. Students who get involved in campus activities are also more likely to graduate. At Georgia Tech, there are many ways for your student to be involved and get connected.

Alumni Association

gtalumni.org
404.894.2391
@GTAlumni
@GTAlumni

The Alumni Association offers current Georgia Tech students several opportunities outside the classroom to become leaders, contribute philanthropically, and build personal connections with Tech alumni while in college through organizations such as Student Ambassadors, Student Foundation, and the Student Alumni Association.

Athletic Association

ramblinwreck.com
888.TECH.TIX
404.894.5400

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association is a nonprofit organization responsible for maintaining the intercollegiate athletic programs and events at Tech.

Center for Student Engagement

studentengagement.gatech.edu
404.894.3458

The Center for Student Engagement supports opportunities that create a vibrant, safe, and engaged student experience, complimenting the academic mission of Georgia Tech.
The Center is comprised of 5 areas: Civic Engagement, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Student Media, the John Lewis Student Leadership Pathways, and Student Organizations, each empowering and supporting registered student organizations to catalyze belonging and create an engaging campus community. The Student Engagement team is committed to holistic, co-curricular learning and building supportive advising relationships with student leaders and student organizations.

Fraternity and Sorority Life advocates for and facilitates the education and development of our community necessary to achieve a safe, innovative, and positive fraternal experience.

John Lewis Student Leadership Pathways equips participants with the skills they need to make meaningful changes within their communities through high-impact workshops, keynote speakers, service-learning projects, reflection discussions, lunch-and-learn training, and more.

Civic Engagement promotes avenues for community service, social issue education, and global awareness to support students in exploring their responsibility as global citizens to build and contribute to community in our intricate, multilayered world.

Student Media is home to student-run publications including a newspaper, magazines, radio station, and more, providing the Institute and Atlanta communities with news, information, and forums for exchange of ideas.

Student Organizations promotes and strengthens student belonging and engagement with more than 500 active registered student organizations.

Georgia Tech Arts

arts.gatech.edu
404.894.2787
@gatecharts
@gatecharts

Georgia Tech Arts serves the campus community by supporting students in the development of their own creative practices, and by facilitating connections with exceptional artists from around the world. We envision an arts-infused campus that supports the active collaboration of art, science, and technology while providing students with creative tools, experiences, and inspiration to improve the human condition. Through a blend of performances, exhibitions, installations, residencies, and support for student and faculty creative development, Georgia Tech Arts places art at the epicenter of supporting the Strategic Objectives of the entire Institute.

Leadership Education and Development

leadership.gatech.edu
404.385.2291

Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) offers a thoughtful and intentional series of academic, experiential, and co-curricular activities to help students prepare for leadership in a rapidly evolving global society.

New Student & Transition Programs

transitionprograms.gatech.edu
404.894.6897

New Student & Transition Programs offers a variety of programs and services to support undergraduate orientation, transition, and overall student success. Programs include FASET Orientation, Connect First-Year Leadership Organization, and Wreck Camp.

Student Alumni Association

gtsaa.com
404.385.1095
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Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Student Alumni Association provides students a balance of college life and real-world preparation by offering personal connections with Georgia Tech alumni outside the traditional classroom including mentoring, seminars, networking events, and more.

Student and Campus Event Centers

studentcenter.gatech.edu

Student and Campus Events Centers (SCEC) brings campus to life for your student through its vibrant spaces, event services, and engaging programming. SCEC manages several buildings on campus, plus an exceptional event services team, providing students with resources needed to achieve their event vision. SCEC's programs team is dedicated to building a sense of belonging in the campus community with its student-focused events, activities, and lounges, such as Georgia Tech's Night at the Aquarium, Sting Break, Multicultural Lounge, and Reflection Space. Encourage your student to join SCEC in unlocking the full potential of their journey at Georgia Tech!

Student Government Association

sga.gatech.edu
404.894.2814

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