Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage Honors Local Pioneers

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Charlayne Hunter-Gault and the late Hamilton Holmes have been named recipients of Georgia Tech's 2020 Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage, which will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

The prize honors those who have made a positive difference by standing up for moral principle at the risk of their careers, livelihoods, and even their lives. Holmes and Hunter-Gault, both Atlanta natives, showed significant courage by enrolling as the first African American students at the University of Georgia (UGA) — in the era of Jim Crow. Both awardees went on to lead courageous, inspirational lives as role models in their fields of medicine and journalism.

Holmes was an orthopedic surgeon in Atlanta. He was also the first African American student admitted to the Emory University School of Medicine, where he earned his medical degree in 1967. He completed his residency at Emory after serving in the military and later became an associate dean. Additionally, he worked as chief of orthopedics at the Atlanta Veterans Administration hospital, in private practice, and as chairman of orthopedic surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Holmes died at his home in Atlanta in 1995. He left a lasting legacy in the city, with several Atlanta landmarks named in his honor, including Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School, Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, and the H.E. Holmes MARTA station.

Selfies All Around

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Whether with Buzz or a fellow graduate, master's students couldn’t resist a photo opportunity during lineup while waiting for their ceremony to begin on Friday, Dec. 13. See more photos from Fall 2019 Commencement events on page 2, and at flickr.com/photos/georgiatech.

Registration Open for Organizational Effectiveness Conference

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Georgia Tech Strategic Consulting will bring together more than 200 professionals from Georgia Tech, USG peer institutions, and industry partners for the third Organizational Effectiveness Conference. Registration is now open for the annual event, which will be held May 7-8 at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. The theme of the conference is “Strategy and Culture” and will focus on improving processes through organizational alignment, innovating with technology to adapt to changes in the workplace, and inspiring people to build and thrive in their communities. Featuring keynote speakers, a leadership panel, entertainment, and ample networking opportunities, the 2020 conference will provide an array of learning offerings and experiences to empower attendees across.
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SEMINARS AND LECTURES

Jan. 13
The School of History and Sociology welcomes the first speaker in the Spring 2020 speaker series “Social Justice: Power, Inequality, and Change.” Daniel Dawes, director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, will discuss “The Political Determinants of Health: The Quintessential Tool for Achieving Health Justice in America.” The event will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in Room 102, Stephen C. Hall Building.

Jan. 16
Susan Lurie, dean of the College of Sciences, will speak as part of the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Spring Seminar Series from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in Room L1205, Ford Environmental Science and Technology Building.

Jan. 22
The Impact Speaker Series hosts Sarah Higginbotham, cofounder of Common Good Atlanta, a nonprofit that connects universities with prisons. Higginbotham will discuss “College in Prison as a Common Good” from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in Room 200, Scheller College of Business.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Jan. 9
The Georgia Tech Library hosts an introduction to Zotero. Find out how to download and install Zotero, which helps you save, store, and organize the references you find when doing your research, from 3 to 4 p.m., in Classroom 2130, Crosland Tower.

Jan. 10
Student Diversity Programs hosts a Multicultural Competence 101 brown bag from noon to 2 p.m., in Room 301, Student Center.

Jan. 14
The Library hosts Patent Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in Classroom 2130, Crosland Tower.

Jan. 15
A OneUSG Connect webinar will highlight recruiting, hiring, and onboarding from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Register at:

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various industries to tackle their greatest organizational challenges. Participants will benefit from customized breakout sessions tailored to their career level:

Level I: Responsible for leading change in the workplace at an individual level
Level II: Responsible for leading change in the workplace at a team level
Level III: Responsible for leading change in the workplace at an enterprise level

To register, and for more information as well as highlights from the 2019 Organizational Effectiveness Conference, visit oe.gatech.edu.

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completing a brief interest form. If a strategic match is available, the employee will be notified they have been paired.

Registration is open now until Jan. 20 at hr.gatech.edu/mentortech.

The program is designed to accommodate a participant’s diverse needs and match those needs based on interest in one of the following categories: General Career Guidance, Work/Life Transitions, Career Sponsorship, and Technical Competency.

Throughout the six-month partnership, mentors and mentees will have access to a wealth of resources to support and enrich the professional partnership, including development opportunities and career guidance.

MentorTech has accepted and paired more than 230 mentors and mentees who have invested more than 2,000 hours.

“My mentoring experience was equally beneficial and fulfilling, and it allowed me to reflect on my personal experiences and consider my own lessons learned to help advance, to encourage, and to motivate my mentee,” said William Jimerson, a 2019 MentorTech participant.

All faculty and staff are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and into a customized experience designed to elevate horizons and strengthen leadership skills.

Learn about the perks and requirements at hr.gatech.edu/mentortech, and read about experiences from the 2019 cohort at hr.gatech.edu/mentortech-2019.

Looking for other ways to enter 2020 with a professional plan? View additional learning opportunities at hr.gatech.edu/learning-development.

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Azadeh Ansari, assistant professor and Satterfield Family Junior Professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been named a recipient of the National Science Foundation CAREER Award.

School of Computational Science and Engineering Associate Professor Polo Chau received the 2019 Outstanding Researcher Award from Intel, honoring his innovations in artificial intelligence and security, and for his contributions to the Intel Science and Technology Center for Adversity-Resilient Security Analytics (IST-ARSA) at Georgia Tech. The award is given annually to recognize researchers across scientific disciplines who have demonstrated exceptional innovation for work related to Intel initiatives.

Stanislav Emelianov, jointly appointed professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering and School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was named an IEEE Fellow. Emelianov was recognized by IEEE “for contributions to ultrasound elasticity and photoacoustic imaging.”

Ashok Goel, professor in the School of Interactive Computing, earned the 2020 Regents Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Donald Webster, Karen and John Hull Chair of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 Foton Jerkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award. Both will be honored at the Regents Scholarship Gala on Feb. 21.

Martha Grover, professor and associate chair for graduate studies in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, was awarded one of six national Faculty Mentor of the Year awards at the 26th annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring in October. The Institute is the nation’s largest annual gathering of underrepresented Ph.D. students and college faculty members of color.

Robert Knots, director of Federal Relations for Government and Community Relations, earned the 2019 AAU Leadership Award. Knots was honored for outstanding leadership and achievement on the issue of science and security. He will be honored at a ceremony this month.

Aaron Levine, associate professor in the School of Public Policy, was recently elected to the board of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, the primary academic organization in the U.S. for scholars and practitioners working in clinical ethics, research ethics, and the health humanities. During a three-year term, Levine is serving as a director-at-large.

Natalie Stingelin, professor with joint appointments in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and School of Materials Science and Engineering, has been named editor-in-chief for the Royal Society of Chemistry’s Journal of Materials Chemistry C, a weekly peer-reviewed scientific journal covering the properties, applications, and synthesis of new materials related to optical, magnetic, and electronic devices.

Eric M. Vogel, professor of Materials Science and Engineering, deputy director of the Institute for Electronics and Nanotechnology, and associate director for Shared Resources of the Institute for Materials, has been inducted into the North Carolina State University School of Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Hall of Fame. The honor celebrates outstanding graduates who have used their education to excel in a profession, career, or service. Vogel received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University in 1998.

Gleb Yushin, professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, has been elected as a National Academy of Inventors Fellow. Yushin was chosen for demonstrating a highly prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.
The Beloved Community 2020

Georgia Tech’s MLK Celebration

Georgia Tech’s commemoration of the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. encompasses an ambitious slate of events organized by faculty, staff, and students. This year’s celebration includes educational programs and service opportunities to encourage active participation from the campus and nearby community.

Visit diversity.gatech.edu/MLK-celebration for more information about any of the events below and for direct RSVP links. Contact the designated event sponsor if you need an accommodation to participate in an event.

King Holiday Observance Kickoff Reception and Dream Forward Awards
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 – 8 p.m.
The King Center Atrium and Theater

The Kickoff Reception serves as the opening event for the King holiday observance and is an invitation to the public to honor the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. It also includes the Dream Forward Community Service Awards, which will be presented in the following categories: faith-based leadership, environmental responsibility, elected officials, media, international affairs, and social justice. Free and open to the public.

thekingcenter.org

MLK Lecture Featuring Journalist Yamiche Alcindor
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 3 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

The Ninth Annual MLK Lecture will feature journalist Yamiche Alcindor. PBS NewsHour White House correspondent and political contributor for NBC News and MSNBC.

Visit yamichealcindor.slate.com to learn more about this event.

Campuswide Student Celebration
Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

This celebration will feature student speeches, cultural performances, and a candle-lighting ceremony for student organizations. Reception to follow.

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Georgia Tech Focus Program
Jan. 16–19
Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center

Focus is one of the nation’s premier programs for raising awareness of graduate education among the brightest, traditionally underrepresented minority students.

focus.gatech.edu

Annual Salute to Greatness Awards Gala
Saturday, Jan. 18, 6 – 11:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Hotel

One of the highest honors given by the King Center for Nonviolent Change, the Salute to Greatness Awards recognizes individuals and corporations that exemplify excellence in their leadership and have demonstrated a commitment to social responsibility in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. (Ticketed event.)

thekingcenter.org

MLK Day of Service
Monday, Jan. 20, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

During Georgia Tech’s 10th annual MLK Day of Service, which honors the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., participants will serve in teams and participate in service projects with metro Atlanta community partners. To learn more and to register, visit the Civic Engagement page on Engage.

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National MLK Holiday Observance and Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Commemorative Service
Monday, Jan. 20
Ebenzer Baptist Church

The spiritual hallmark of the King holiday observance, this ecumenical service is sponsored by the King Center for Nonviolent Change. Ten spaces will be available to the Georgia Tech community to attend. Registration will be included in the MLK Day of Service signup link found on the Civic Engagement page on Engage.

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Beloved Community Talks
Monday, Jan. 20, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The mission of Beloved Community Talks is to create an environment conducive to open, honest, and unapologetic conversations that are civil, bringing people out of their comfort zone to promote understanding and to contribute to the eradication of systemic racial injustice.

belovedcommunitytalks.org

Beloved Community Talks SERVICE Project
Monday, Jan. 20, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

The Center invites individuals to participate in a service initiative that will connect King’s nonviolent philosophy to service opportunities across metro Atlanta.

belovedcommunitytalks.org

MLK “Sunday” Supper: A Community Meal and Conversation
Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 – 8 p.m.
Bill Moore Student Success Center

The Georgia Tech community is invited to come together over a meal to discuss the 2020 MLK celebration events, King’s legacy, and more. There are 100 spaces available.

engage.gatech.edu

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Our Beloved Community
Monday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
Student Center Theater

King often spoke of the notion of the beloved community as a way of transforming people and relationships and creating communities grounded in reconciliation, friendship, and human dignity.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life at Georgia Tech will honor this ideal by celebrating residents, faculty, and staff who have contributed to building community on Tech’s residential campus. The event will feature a panel discussion and a video presentation. Attendees will answer the question: “In the fineness of now, how can you contribute to making the idea of the beloved community a reality?”

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