Scholarships Offered for Employees’ Children

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Discounts Available for Athletic Events

- Faculty and staff can get 20% off tickets for two upcoming men’s basketball games, as well as discounted season tickets for football. Contact Georgia Tech Athletics for more information and ticket sales: 1-888-TECHTIX

Black History Month Lecture Set for Feb. 12

This year’s lecture will feature Andrew Gillum, former mayor of Tallahassee, Florida, who will discuss the effects of the millennial vote on elections. The free event takes place at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. More information at: diversity.gatech.edu

Planning for the OneUSG Transition

Georgia Tech is moving to a new system, OneUSG Connect, to manage human resources activities. To read up on how to prepare for the transition, see page 2, and visit transformation.gatech.edu.
EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Feb. 14
DJ Kid Koala will perform at 6 p.m.
at the Ferst Center for the Arts.
arts.gatech.edu

Through Feb. 23
The Faculty and Staff Art Exhibit
features the artwork of Tech employees
in the Ferst Center for the Arts
lobby galleries, weekdays from
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during
performances at the Ferst Center.
arts.gatech.edu

Through March 16
The Robert C. Williams Museum of
Papamaking hosts “Beyond Words:
Visual Narratives from the Block
Book to the Graphic Novel.”
The museum is open weekdays from
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
papers.gatech.edu

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Through Feb. 24
Fit to Thrive is a five-week series
designed to teach students, faculty,
and staff how to incorporate
dimensions of well-being into their
daily lives. Individuals will learn and
practice skills related to nutrition,
body image, physical activity, sleep,
mindfulness, financial wellness,
spirituality, and stress management.
Learn more and register at:
healthinitiatives.gatech.edu

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Feb. 5
The LGBTQIA Resource Center
offers Safe Space ally training for
faculty, staff, and affiliates.
The training will take place from
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register at:
lgbtqia.gatech.edu

Feb. 10
Each semester, Tech Ends Suicide
Together hosts QPR training, open
to all members of the Georgia Tech
community, on how to help prevent
suicide. The next session will be
held from noon to 2 p.m. in Room
254, Skiles Building. Register at:
endsuicide.gatech.edu

Feb. 13
A tour of The Kendeda Building for
Innovative Sustainable Design
will take place from 3 to 4 p.m.
and begin at the building’s main
entrance.
livingbuilding.gatech.edu

How do we business at Georgia Tech is changing.
This spring, Georgia Tech will be moving to a new system, OneUSG Connect, to manage human resources activities. This effort is more than a new web interface. It will introduce changes to many of our current processes, policies, and roles and affect every department at every level: faculty, staff, student employees, Tech Temps, affiliates, and contracted workers.

How It Will Affect You
Georgia Tech employees will use OneUSG Connect to:
• Report time and request leave
• View paychecks
• View or update tax information
• Manage direct deposit accounts
• Manage voluntary deductions
• View benefits
• View leave balances
• Review compensation history
• Manage personal information (e.g., name, address, phone)
• Search and apply for employment opportunities
• View a directory that spans all USG institutions (search for people, view contact information and org chart)

“GTRI has unique reporting requirements that will not be supported by OneUSG Connect at this time. GTRI employees will continue to use their existing time collection system, eTime, to record hours worked, submit leave requests, and view leave balances.

Effect on Student Employees
Student employees, except for those working in GTRI will record time worked by punching in and out via time clock. They will use OneUSG Connect’s web clock unless employed by a department using physical time clocks.

Students working for GTRI will continue to use eTime to record time worked.

In addition to the timekeeping changes, a more consistent and transparent process will be put in place to manage the student employment experience. This will culminate in the recruiting, hiring, and onboarding for certain student positions being managed through OneUSG Connect by 2023.

A New Resource
For Managers and Supervisors:
Employees with one or more direct reports will also have access to the Manager Self-Service (MSS) portal. MSS provides managers with a consistent and transparent mechanism for requesting specific actions for members of their team (e.g., pay changes, job changes, terminations). Once the manager submits a request, it will be routed for review and approval. With the adoption of this functionality, a number of forms and processes, including the WebPSF, will no longer be required.

For Faculty:
With Faculty Data Self-Service (FDSS), faculty will be able to view their rank, tenure status, and next review date.

Training Begins in March
All employees are expected to complete training in order to understand how to navigate and use the new system. In addition, managers are required to complete the general overview of MSS and take additional training based on the types of actions they will be taking in the system.

Training begins in March and will be offered in a variety of formats such as classroom training, webinars, tutorials, and job aids.

Videos and other resources related to OneUSG Connect will be available later this month. For more information, visit transformation.gatech.edu/hcm-resources.

Visit transformation.gatech.edu to access resources, sign up for training, and learn more about OneUSG Connect.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact erp.readiness@gatech.edu.
Tech Sets 2020 Legislative Priorities

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INSTITUTE RELATIONS

The Georgia General Assembly began its legislative session on Monday, Jan. 13, with new and returning faces under the Gold Dome following elections in November.

Georgia Tech’s Office of Institute Relations, led by Vice President Lynn M. Durham, hit the ground running this year to promote Tech’s legislative priorities. Top of mind is Tech Square and securing $30.7 million for Phase III, a two-tower complex that will house graduate and executive education for the Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business and the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Georgia Tech will continue to work to strengthen state partnerships promoting economic development. These partnerships include the Georgia Smart Communities Challenge, which increases resources available to both metro and rural communities across the state to enhance infrastructure, and the Agricultural Technology Research Program, which develops transformational innovations for food manufacturing and environmental sustainability to support the growth of agribusiness across Georgia.

Together with the University System of Georgia (USG), the Georgia Tech team will work to promote important system-wide priorities. This includes $7.5 million in new Formula Funds for enrollment growth, shared among all USG institutions to support critical day-to-day operations and academic quality, and Major Repair and Rehabilitation Funds to repair aging facilities across the USG.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Georgia Tech will join the USG’s other research institutions under the Gold Dome for the annual Student Day at the Capitol. This event allows students to share their appreciation for the ongoing support from state lawmakers and learn more about Georgia’s legislative and budgetary processes.

During the 2020 legislative session, Georgia Tech will have 11 students serving full-time as interns to legislators, committeees, and staff through the Georgia Legislative Internship Program, offered in collaboration with the Georgia General Assembly and colleges and universities throughout Georgia.

Design Commons Dedicated

On Friday, Jan. 17, the campus community gathered outside the Flowers Invention Studio to honor Bill Wepfer (center), professor emeritus and former chair of the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, for his years of service and to celebrate the completion of the Wepfer Design Commons, which includes the Montgomery Machining Mel, Flowers Invention Studio, IDEA Lab, and Electronics Lab, during Wepfer’s tenure as chair and was completed in 2019. Learn more at me.gatech.edu/news.

NCFD Offers Free Professional Development Resource

Not many professional development resources can help with multiple specific jobs. That’s why Emily Weigel uses the tools offered by the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFD).

“NCFD is useful to get professional development not offered at Georgia Tech, like advice specific to my various jobs on campus,” said Weigel, an academic professional in the School of Biological Sciences. “I’ve been using the modules since I was a graduate student. Even now as a faculty member, there’s always something new I can learn or be reminded to practice.”

Georgia Tech recently joined NCFD, which means that all faculty members and students have free access to all of the center’s resources.

“Traditionally, the training of graduate students focuses mainly on managing yourself, leading a team and mentoring students are sometimes forgotten,” said Shlomi Cohen, a third-year Ph.D. student in quantitative biosciences. “NCFD’s website can help graduate students improve their knowledge, routines, and even their interaction with their colleagues.”

Some of the specific resources include:

- Webinars on skills from time management to overcoming perfectionism.
- Events such as a 14-day writing challenge.
- A library of past seminars.
- Forums to discuss career development with faculty around the country.

To access your membership, visit faculty.gatech.edu/ncfd, and click on the “Activate Membership” link to create an account.

For more information on NCFD and other professional development resources available to faculty members, visit faculty.gatech.edu/development-center. To access professional or career development resources for graduate students, visit grad.gatech.edu/career-development.
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Liabilities because it is a book mainly based on seduction and power, on love and intrigue, and I cannot think of a better book than this sulliteous novel for Valentine’s Day! It was published just a few years before the French Revolution. The story revolves around two aristocrats, narcissistic rivals who are also ex-lovers, the Marquise de Merteuil and Vicomte de Valmont, both who decide to start a sophisticated game of seduction and manipulation to bring amusement to their bored lives. Needless to say, the consequences prove to be much more than they could have ever predicted. A must read!

—Stéphane Boulard, associate professor, School of Modern Languages

A Novel


Norwegian Wood


“Watanabe is a college student in Tokyo in the tumultuous 1960s. He is in love with Naoko, a friend of his from high school, but Naoko is in a peculiar condition that makes her stay in a mountain sanatorium. In the meantime, he meets Midori, a lively, independent young woman who has a boyfriend. A long journey awaits Watanabe before he comes to somewhat understand where his love is. This classic in Japanese fiction is delightful, sad, and pure.”

—Qi Wang, associate professor, School of Literature, Media, and Communication

You: A Novel

By Caroline Kepnes, Atria/Emily Bestler Books (2014)

“This story recounts the obsession Joe has with Beck, a writing student he meets in the bookstore in which he works. It starts out as a love-interest story, with Joe describing to Beck his reasons for being attracted to her and the steps he takes to pursue her, but then morphs into the psychological drama of his growing obsession with winning her over, keeping her interest in him, and ultimately, regaining control over her as her interest in him flags. The story is told in second-person and written by a female author talking through the voice of an obsessed male, making it a unique read. If you don’t like the book, try the Netflix series!”

—David J. Shook, associate professor, School of Modern Languages, and associate dean for Undergraduate Studies, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Norwegian Wood translation by Joachim Neugruen in 1988

“Love and passion come in all shapes and sizes. The Austrian Nobel laureate published this important novel in 1983 and it was her first book to be translated into English. Erika Kohut is a piano teacher who falls for her student, Walter Klemmer. Teacher and student share an intense passion for the music by the composers Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann. Another young piano student, Anna, turns the love triangle into a confusing web of jealousy. Renowned Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke turned the script into a feature film that won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival in 2001. The story is a psychological drama that leaves no one untouched.”

Death in Venice


“This world-famous love story by the German Nobel laureate Thomas Mann is about the writer Gustav von Aschenbach, who worked in Italy and was looking for spiritual fulfillment but instead fell passionately in love and was overcome by an extraordinary physical attraction to the much younger Polish man, Tadzio. In the early 20th Century, Mann’s voice and themes set themselves apart from the times, and he had to flee from Nazi Germany to the United States, where he continued to write. The novella is considered a masterpiece about gay love in Western literature.”

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MISSCELLANEOUS

Beautiful Korean whites and gold king size brass bed w/ 2 end tables and 1 bench at foot of bed. Rails and wooden slats included. $350. Contact Alfreda.f83@gmail.com.

For sale: Unlocked Google Nexus 5X GSM phone (Carbon Black) with 5.2-inch screen, 32GB memory. Android 8.1. Excellent condition, kept in Otterbox case at all times, 12.3 MP HDR front camera, 5 MP HDR rear camera, 3.5mm Jack, Bluetooth. Price includes Otterbox case, $120. Contact eichleshadow24@gmail.com.

For sale: Men’s road bike in excellent condition. Quasar Pacific model. 18 in. wheel tube length, Original owner. $50. Contact aaron.fowler@gatech.edu, 404-201-0948.

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