Need-Based Scholarship Endowment Honors Petersons

$17M Makes Largest Single Scholarship Fund in Tech History

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The largest single scholarship endowment fund in Georgia Tech’s history has been established to honor retiring President G.P. “Bud” Peterson and first lady Valerie H. Peterson. Totaling $17 million, the G.P. “Bud” Peterson and Valerie H. Peterson Scholarship Endowment Fund was announced at the June meeting of the Georgia Tech Foundation. The Fund was established to help students with demonstrated financial need from across the nation.

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The Georgia Tech Foundation announced at the June meeting of the Alumni Association executive committee. The scholarship fund has now been opened to receive gifts and commitments from the broader Georgia Tech community and other friends. “The Petersons have championed a generation of hardworking, gifted students by driving initiatives that expand access to an affordable education for all students who earn admission to Georgia Tech,” said John F. Brock III, chair of the Georgia Tech Foundation. “They have a strong commitment to putting a Georgia Tech education within reach of qualified students with financial need. This endowment fund will help generations of students realize their aspirations and build a brighter future for themselves and our world.”

In January 2019, Peterson announced his intention to step down from his current position as soon as his successor was in place. In June, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia announced Angel Cabrera, now president of Georgia State University, to officially take the helm as Georgia Tech’s next president in July.

Annual School Supply Drive Underway

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Georgia Tech Human Resources has kicked off its seventh annual Buzzin’ Back to School Drive, and your help is needed. The annual school supply drive benefits Georgia Tech employees who may lack the financial resources to purchase school supplies for their children in grades K-12. Last year, more than 430 filled backpacks were distributed to 225 Georgia Tech families.

The deadline for employees to request a backpack is Wednesday, July 17. Backpack recipients will be notified on Friday, July 19, and backpacks will be distributed on Thursday, July 25.

For donors, the deadline to donate supplies is Friday, July 19 (suggested items at right). Backpacks themselves have already been donated, and no more are needed.

For those who prefer to shop online, an Amazon wishlist has been set up for Georgia Tech Human Resources at amazon.gatech.edu/buzzin-back-school. To request a backpack or for more information on donating supplies, visit hr.gatech.edu/buzzin-back-school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES WANTED

- College-ruled and wide-ruled paper
- College-ruled and wide-ruled notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencil pouches/cases
- Composition notebooks
- Liquid glue
- Index cards
- Highlighters
- Rulers
- Flash/USB drives
- Scissors
- Subject dividers
- Markers
- Three-ring binders
- No. 2 pencils, mechanical pencils, black/blue ink pens

New Provider for Employee Assistance Program

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HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services at Georgia Tech have changed. The University System of Georgia is partnering with KEPRO, a nationally recognized health care management company, to provide new EAP services effective July 1. Georgia Tech previously provided these services through Etop.

KEPRO’s EAP services are available for all benefits-eligible employees of Georgia Tech and their families. Services include in-person counseling sessions, referrals to community resources, supervisory consultations, crises support, and work-life referrals.

KEPRO’s counseling services enable employees to access up to four in-person counseling sessions (per incident, per year) through a large network of professionals throughout the region, as well as phone support for crises and emergencies. Resources are also provided for a variety of work-life situations such as family caregiving, travel planning, wills, and legal and financial services.

Services are free, confidential, and accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you are currently receiving services, you can continue to receive assistance through KEPRO.

Summer Fitness Series

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Through July 12
The Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking hosts two exhibits, Postage Required and Marvelous Marbling. The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. paper.gatech.edu

July 26
Pickett Hall hosts a free screening of Marvel’s Captain Marvel at 7 p.m. at the Stamps Recreation Fields. For more information, visit: studentreccenter.gatech.edu

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Through July 24
Health Initiatives hosts Mindful Moments on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Juniper Room, Student Center. The events feature short guided mindfulness exercises, techniques, and stress management skills that can be incorporated into a daily routine. healthinitiatives.gatech.edu

SEMINARS AND LECTURES

July 15
Join the Georgia Tech Library for a live webcast event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11’s historic moon landing. This live webcast is brought to you by the American Museum of Natural History and the STAR Library Network’s NASA@My Library program. The webcast will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in Classroom 2130, Crosland Tower. library.gatech.edu

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

July 8
The Tech Ends Suicides Together initiative hosts a QPR Training session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 117, Smith Hall. Register at: c.gatech.edu/qpr

July 12
What are GTARC and GTRC? Learn more about the two 501c3 organizations to understand Georgia Tech’s research administration. This session welcomes new hires as well as seasoned staff and will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the Seminar Room, Research Administration Building. Register at: training.esp.gatech.edu

STAFF AREA

OFFICE SPACE

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation has selected two Tech faculty members to receive a Humboldt Research Award. Jean-Luc Bredas, Regents Professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Zhong Lin (Z.L.) Wang, Professor in Flexible Electronics in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, were selected. Wang was also recently inducted as a fellow in the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Title IX Office Offers Training to Protect Campus Community

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With a new school year on the horizon, the Institute would like to remind employees about Georgia Tech’s and the University System of Georgia’s (USG) Sexual Misconduct Policies as well as certain employees’ responsibility as mandatory reporters. As a refresher, the Title IX Office offers educational sessions on the policies, reporting options and obligations, and campus resources for those impacted by sexual misconduct.

By definition, a “Responsible Employee” or “mandated reporter” is required to promptly and fully report complaints of or information regarding sexual or gender-based misconduct to the Institute’s Title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator. Responsible Employees include any administrator, supervisor, faculty member, or other person (including student-employees in some cases) in a position of authority who is not a Confidential Employee or Privileged Employee, as defined by policy or law.

“We understand that members of our campus community may be unsure what to do, for themselves or others, if faced with a gender or sexual misconduct issue,” said Marcia Bull Stadeker, Title IX coordinator in the Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Legal Affairs. “To ensure a safe campus and provide clarity about available resources and reporting options, we provide education and refresher training to interested campus groups and departments.”

Among other things, training participants will learn what qualifies as sexual misconduct or gender discrimination, where to seek help, who is a mandatory reporter, what types of reports are or are not confidential, and available administrative remedies.

To request training regarding Georgia Tech’s and USG’s Sexual Misconduct Policies, contact Marcia Bull Stadeker at marcia.stadeker@gatech.edu. For more information on Title IX at Georgia Tech, visit titleix.gatech.edu.

Hearing Panelists Needed

The Title IX Office is also recruiting new faculty and/or staff members and students to serve as hearing panelists. Each hearing panel consists of three faculty and/or staff members and one student. The panelists decide cases of sexual misconduct involving accused students. Panelists receive annual mandatory training and decide cases of sexual misconduct involving accused students. Panelists receive annual mandatory training and decide cases of sexual misconduct involving accused students. To submit a training request or to submit a training request or to submit a training request or to submit a training request or to submit a training request or to submit a training request or to submit a training request or to attend an informational meeting on hearing panels, contact Marcia Bull Stadeker, Title IX coordinator, at marcia.stadeker@gatech.edu.