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“During her tenure, the College has achieved new levels of excellence,” said Rafael E. Bras, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs and K. Harrison Brown Family Chair. “From student strength and steady popularity of the undergraduate programs to increased enrollment in our MBA programs, and others like the Master of Science in Quantitative and Computational Finance, Dean Alavi’s leadership has helped to ensure that our faculty is among the very best and that we are able to attract significant philanthropic support.”

The reappointment was effective July 1 and runs through June 30, 2024.

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“A BRAND NEW COLONY

Around 3,100 Yellow Jackets make up this year’s first-year class. Take a look at how the group breaks down.

36,926 Applications
3,105 Enrolled
47 States
77 Nations
40% Georgia Admit Rate
16% Non-Georgia Admit Rate
1,425+ Total High Schools
350+ Georgia High Schools

CARE Opens to Student Community

The new Center for Assessment, Referral, and Education (CARE) is now open to serve as a single point of entry for students to access mental health resources and services. Learn more at: news.gatech.edu

Reinvented Toilets Could Provide Safe Sanitation

A Georgia Tech professor is leading a $13.5 million effort funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to reinvent the toilet, which could meet the needs of 2.5 billion people lacking improved sanitation. Read more at: c.gatech.edu/toilets

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The Peterson Years: 2009-19

From advances in teaching techniques and student entrepreneurship to groundbreaking discoveries in the lab, the G.P. “Bud” Peterson years will be remembered as ones in which innovation, collaboration, and research drove the Institute and further solidified its reputation as a world-class university.

During Peterson’s presidency — through a combination of philanthropy, trusted public and private partnerships, a bold vision, and a whole lot of hard work — the Georgia Tech campus underwent a profound transformation. A $1.8 billion fundraising campaign led to $354 million for student scholarships, 104 endowed chairs and professorships, and more than 20 new or renovated campus facilities.

But, perhaps most importantly, Bud and Val Peterson will be remembered for their dedication to encouraging, mentoring, and inspiring the next generation of leaders. Together, they have been visible, accessible, and enthusiastic supporters of Georgia Tech — on campus, at athletic events, during move-in, and even at Midnight Breakfast.

From the time they arrived on campus, the Petersons were ready to get to work. They were regulars at helping students during fall move-in (left), and the president became a pro at serving students at Midnight Breakfast during finals week each semester. They also participated in the Tour de Tech in 2014 and traveled to many athletic contests, including the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2013.
The Petersons were known for their presence on campus, stopping to talk with students and help where they could. They regularly visited the Georgia Tech Marching Band during camp in the fall (left). When students turned out in droves to wait in line for tickets to see President Barack Obama speak on campus in 2015, the president was there to say hello and chat with them while they waited. In 2016, Val Peterson took on a spokesperson role for the Tech Ends Suicide Together initiative. At a group meeting that year, Peterson contributed $10,000 to the work of the campaign (above, right). President Peterson even braved a bucket of ice water over his head in 2014 for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, a social media sensation and a chance to highlight the research of Cassie Mitchell, assistant professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering (below, right).

In Spring 2019, the campus thanked the Petersons for their 10 years of service at Pops with the President, where the president and first lady shook hands, hugged, and took selfies with students, faculty, and staff while enjoying King of Pops at the Kessler Campanile. The Georgia Tech Band returned the favor of their visits by surprising the Petersons at the event.
What’s New for Fall as Construction Projects Wrap

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

As the summer semester comes to a close, several construction projects are wrapping up or have been completed. Students, faculty, and staff can look forward to enjoying newly renovated spaces and streetworks on campus.

FINISHED OR NEARLY COMPLETE

Georgia Tech Police Department Headquarters

The new state-of-the-art, 30,000-square-foot facility, located at the corner of Hemphil Avenue and 10th Street, unifies the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD). The building features a light-filled lobby, a new operations center, a multipurpose/emergency center, and three additional conference rooms.

Dalney Street

The Dalney Street project, located between Dalney and Greenfield streets, has two components: the parking deck and the office building. The new W26 Dalney Street Parking Deck will open within five years of the 2020 work, with space for 800 vehicles and the potential for future vertical expansion. The deck will serve as an Energy-Efficient Biosystems Building, the Marcus Nanotechnology Building, and the BioTech Quad.

Adjacent to the parking deck, the Dalney Street Office Building will house offices for the Georgia Tech Research Corporation, Grants and Contracts teams, Paint, tile, lighting, plumbing, flooring, and elevators have reached substantial completion. The lower level of the building is designed to support potential future infrastructure for a water reclamation system. Landscaping and signage are complete, and occupants will begin moving in during the coming weeks.

Ferst Drive Streetscape

Improvements surrounding The Kendeda Building and the future Eco-Commons area include upgraded sidewalks, new street and pedestrian lighting, and a repaved portion of roadway. A new westbound dropoff area will be added, five new willow oak trees will be planted, and a new emergency blue light will be installed. Work is expected to be complete in August.

Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design

The installation of 913 photovoltaic panels is complete, along with the installation of the potable water system, which is ready for testing. Installation of the roof garden system is in progress, and reclaimed slate roof tiles from the Alumni House are being used to tile the restrooms. Meanwhile, innovative maintenance plans are being developed, which will allow this unique building to operate in accordance with the Living Building Challenge 3.1 certification requirements. The building's soft opening is scheduled for September, with a dedication and open house to follow on Oct. 24.

IN PROGRESS

These larger capital projects may take longer to complete but will improve resource efficiency, support new teaching and learning methods, and improve comfort for the campus community.

Library Next Renewal Project

The second phase of the Library Next project is underway, which will include glazing to the bridge connecting Crosland Tower and the Price Gilbert Building, and brickwork to the east façade. Completion of the overall project is expected by Spring 2020.

Howey Physics Building

In May, renovation began for the four large lecture halls in the Howey Physics Building, one of the most heavily used instructional spaces on campus. The first stage of renovation has been addressing many of the building's infrastructure issues. The lobby floor slab has been poured, masonry repair is nearly complete, and chilled and hot water piping is being replaced, along with the assembly of mechanical units. Because the Howey Physics Building is a hub of learning activity, work stopped at the end of the summer to allow classes to take place in the lecture halls during the Fall 2019 semester.

Future renovation stages will include updating the restroom configuration, renovating the floor plans of the lecture halls, and incorporating state-of-the-art technology and sound engineering within the building. The renovation of the four lecture halls will begin during Spring 2020.

Lab Ventilation Project

This initiative will improve the functionality of approximately 150 laboratory spaces in the Ford Environmental Science and Technology and U.A. Whitaker buildings by reducing energy consumption and creating a safer and more comfortable laboratory environment. Modifications will address demand-based ventilation strategies, HVAC controls and monitoring, and deferred maintenance issues. Renovation is expected to be complete by October 2020.

Technology Square

Parking Deck

The E81 deck that serves the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center and Scheller College of Business is undergoing major work. Work should conclude in early September. Parking is permitted in the deck during maintenance.

JUST BEGINNING

The following projects are just getting started, with more activity to come in the months ahead.

Campus Center Project

Phase 1, which focuses on four new buildings, launched in May and included infrastructure work on stormwater and sanitary sewer drains. Upgrades to the parking deck, including a new entrance from Ferst Drive modifying the internal circulation and converting it to a mixed-use deck (passes and paid spaces), are complete. Utility duct work across Ferst Drive has been inspected, and the roadway has been restored. No further disruption is expected across Ferst Drive.

Beringea Building

The demolition of GTPD's former headquarters at the corner of Ferst Drive and Hemphil Avenue will help make way for the new Eco-Commons green space. The demolition is scheduled for August, following completion of the Dalney Street Deck to serve area parking needs.

COMING SOON

As part of the Campus Master Plan, the following project will soon break ground.

Eco-Commons Sector

The overall Eco-Commons concept encompasses approximately 80 acres and runs throughout campus. The portion of the Eco-Commons currently under construction will complement The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design. This swath of land is approximately eight acres and includes a performance landscape, nature garden, and slackline field. The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, pictured on Aug. 14, nears completion in advance of its official opening in September.

REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES

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