INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

The Staff Council gives Georgia Tech's staff members a formal means to communicate with the Institute's executive leadership. The Council comprises 20 members who proportionally represent five classifications of employees as specified by Tech's Job Classification and Compensation System (JCCS). Staff Council is now accepting nominations for new members and for committee membership. Full- and part-time staff members may participate.

The deadline for nominations and committee applications is Friday, Oct. 16. To nominate yourself or a colleague to serve on Staff Council, or to apply to serve on a Staff Council committee, visit staffcouncil.gatech.edu/staff-council-elections.

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Georgia Tech to Host In-Person Ceremonies for Fall Commencement

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Graduates have been notified that Georgia Tech will hold in-person ceremonies for Commencement this December. Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020 graduates are all invited to participate.

Ceremonies will be held Dec. 11 and 12 at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The location is based on guidance from the Governor’s Covid-19 Task Force, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which encourages outdoor spaces for larger public events such as Commencement. A venue of this size will allow for appropriate physical distancing — and one of the best views of the city from campus.

Students are required to RSVP to attend and receive guest tickets, and the RSVP window will open Monday, Oct. 19. All ceremonies will be ticketed, and students will receive five guest tickets each. No day-of tickets will be provided.

All 2020 graduates are invited to walk in either the fall ceremony or Spring 2021 ceremonies.

Students have been assigned a ceremony based...
Surveillance Testing Locations Have Changed

Warm weather has made it conducive to hold asymptomatic surveillance testing primarily outdoors. Now, as the season changes to fall, testing locations are changing, too.

The site at Bobby Dodd Stadium and at the Curran Street Parking Deck have closed. In their place, the GT Connector site — located just across from the stadium, connected to the Towers and Glenn Residence Halls — is now open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Three additional sites have opened. One is at Price Gilbert Library in the main entrance on Cherry Street. This site is open Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A second site has opened in the lobby of the Ferst Center for the Arts. This site is open Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lastly, a site has opened in the Couch Building, with operating hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For updated testing information, visit health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/testing.

New Dashboard Tracks Covid-19 on Campus

Georgia Tech continues to report testing and case numbers in the campus community. Now, an enhanced dashboard helps visualize the state of the pandemic on campus. View the dashboard and recent health and exposure alerts at health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/health-alerts.
CAMPUS LIFE RETURNS

With students, faculty, and staff back on campus, some events have resumed using proper safety protocols and procedures. That has included both academic and extracurricular activities. Above, staff members gathered at the first Staff Appreciation Day on Thursday, Oct. 1. Below, Lelia Glass, assistant professor in the School of Modern Languages, took her students to Harrison Square to enjoy the fall weather, also on Oct. 1. Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS) pulled summer weeds on Sept. 10 in the Community Garden near the new Instructional Center. SOS is a student-run organization dedicated to promoting awareness and implementation of environmentally and economically sustainable practices on campus and in the Atlanta community.

Photos by Allison Carter, Christopher Moore, and Students Organizing for Sustainability
Open Enrollment Begins October 21

Open enrollment for the University System of Georgia begins Wednesday, Oct. 21, and will end Friday, Nov. 6. For 2021, there will be no changes to the healthcare plans and no increases in premiums for the employee, employee + child(ren), and employee + spouse coverage tiers. There will be a slight increase in premiums for employees enrolled in coverage for the family tier.

Tobacco users will continue to be charged a $100 per month surcharge. There will also be a well-being program that allows employees to earn up to $100 in credit.

Premiums for 2021 healthcare plans are listed below. To explore all benefits options and prepare for Open Enrollment, visit usg.edu/hr/benefits.

2021 Premium Rates for Active Employees
See the full comparison guide at c.gatech.edu/usghealth2021.

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on their degree level and graduating semester:

- Ceremony 1: Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. Spring and summer bachelor’s and master’s students
- Ceremony 2: Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. Fall master’s students and spring, summer, and fall Ph.D. students
- Ceremony 3: Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Fall bachelor’s students

The outside ceremony is a rain or shine event. All ceremonies will be livestreamed and will also be available for viewing after the event. Guests who are at high risk for severe illness due to Covid-19 are encouraged to participate via livestream.

To accommodate physical distancing and other public health guidelines, some modifications to the ceremony may be necessary. These include but are not limited to:

- No student processional.
- Physically distanced seating for students and guests.
- Students will still be individually recognized at the ceremony but will not participate in the traditional handshake with leadership or be hooded by their advisor.
- Face coverings will be required while inside the stadium.

More information will be shared with graduates via email, as well as at commencement.gatech.edu, as the event gets closer.

Faculty and staff volunteers are needed for all ceremonies. To sign up, visit commencement.gatech.edu.