



# The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech **Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026**



## Strengthening Georgia Tech's Commitment to Accessibility

As a public institution, Georgia Tech has a legal responsibility under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that websites, digital content, online services, and digital communication tools are accessible to all individuals, including those with disabilities.



## GIFT Program Seeks Faculty Sponsors for Summer Cohort

Now in its 35th year, the GIFT Program places K-12 STEM teachers in five- to six-week mentored experiences in campus labs.



## Biannual Compliance Training Launching Soon

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4, all faculty, staff, and students who are active employees as of Jan. 12 will be required to complete the 2026 Spring Biannual Compliance Training.



## Getting to Know You



### Torello Takes Helm of John H. Martinson Honors Program

David Torello has over a decade of experience designing and leading high-impact, student-

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## Campus Updates



### State Business Transactions Disclosure Reports Due Jan. 31

Georgia law requires that all Institute employees disclose business transactions – conducted by themselves or family members – with the state or any state agency.



### Navigating Travel Policy Changes

Kim Toatley answers key questions on the updated Air Transportation Policy, aimed at improving compliance, safety, and fiscal stewardship through centralized booking.



### Updates to Student Center Reservations

[Student and Campus Event Centers](#) has updated its [Reservation Procedures and Event Planning Guide](#), with changes in the John Lewis Student Center, Exhibition Hall, and Historic Academy of Medicine.



### Faculty Workshops Focus on Mentoring

Upcoming sessions of the Beyond Advising: Impactful Research Mentorship Series will equip research mentors with strategies to strengthen communication, support student well-being, and foster growth.



### Discounted Sports Tickets Available

With baseball and softball seasons just around the corner, Georgia Tech Athletics is [offering discounted tickets](#) for faculty and staff members. If you have questions or need assistance, contact [tickets@athletics.gatech.edu](mailto:tickets@athletics.gatech.edu).



## Human Resources Updates



### Career Boosters Empowers Professional Growth

Career Boosters is a suite of resources designed to help Georgia Tech community members take meaningful steps forward as they navigate their careers.

[More Information](#)



## Looking for Love

Do you and your significant other both work on campus? Or did you meet at Tech? As Valentine's Day approaches, we're looking for love stories of all sorts where Georgia Tech is a setting or character. Send a note to [editor@comm.gatech.edu](mailto:editor@comm.gatech.edu) if you're willing to

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 21**

**Redefining Access: Exceptions Under the ADA Title II Regulations**

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online

**Jan. 22**

**Accessible Course Materials 101**

1 – 2 p.m.

Room 4160, Crosland Tower

**Jan. 23**

**Redefining Access: Exceptions Under the ADA Title II Regulations**

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online

**Jan. 26**

**First Look at New Copilot Chat Coming to Microsoft 365**

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online

**Jan. 28**

**Social Media Accessibility**

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online

**Office of Disability Services Open House**

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Room 117, Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building

**Tech Talks Business Featuring Eric Gray, President and CEO of GE Vernova's Gas Power**

5:30 – 7 p.m.

Historic Academy of Medicine

**More Events**



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