



# The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025



## Staff Awards Nomination Period Now Open

Do you work with an outstanding co-worker or team member? Nominate them, or yourself, for one of 12 staff awards.

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## Introducing the International Teaching Assistants Liaisons

These international graduate teaching assistants work closely with Center for Teaching and Learning faculty to mentor fellow TAs, advocate for their needs, and foster a sense of belonging across campus.

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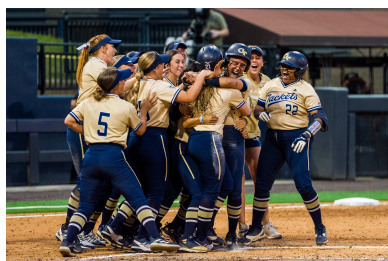
## Expense Report Processes Now in Effect

Two important updates have been implemented to streamline expense report processes while ensuring compliance with institutional policies and those established by the state of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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## Campus Updates



### Athletic Ticket Discounts Available for Employees

Georgia Tech Athletics is offering discounted single game tickets for faculty and staff for basketball, softball, and baseball this spring.

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### Annual Teaching Retreat Takes Place Friday

This week's Georgia Tech Retreat Exploring Effective Teaching will highlight transformative teaching and

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grants.

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## Human Resources Updates



### Join MentorTech During National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month. If you would like to help empower others or are interested in pursuing your professional growth through mentorship this year, create a mentor or mentee profile.

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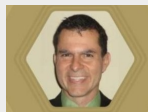
## Faculty/Staff Achievements



**Steven Biegalski**, chair of Georgia Tech's Nuclear and Radiological Engineering and Medical Physics program, is receiving the 2025 George Hevesy Medal – the highest international award for career achievements in applied nuclear and radiochemistry. Biegalski is the first engineer to win the honor since it was established 57 years ago, and just the seventh American to receive it.



**Ronald L. Johnson**, chief of staff and senior vice president of Strategic Initiatives, will receive the Black Engineer of the Year Award at the Black Engineer of the Year Awards STEM Conference in February. The conference, hosted annually, is dedicated to honoring excellence in STEM and empowering diverse talent.



**Gabriel A. Rincón-Mora**, Motorola Solutions Foundation Professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the 2024 Outstanding Educator Award from the IEEE Atlanta Chapter. The award recognizes a member of the Atlanta community who has made an outstanding contribution to the electrotechnology profession.



**James Wray**, professor in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, was awarded a Simons Foundation Pivot Fellowship, one of the most prestigious sources of funding for cutting-edge research. The fellowships support leading researchers with the deep interest, curiosity, and drive to contribute to a new discipline.



## Upcoming Events

**Generative AI: Sparks of  
AGI or Glorified Copy-Paste  
Machines?**

**Thursday, Jan. 23**

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

First Floor Ballroom,  
Technology Square Research  
Building

**Ferst Impressions: Joe  
Gransden and His Big Band  
ft. Mooncastle**

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

4 – 6 p.m.

Ferst Center for the Arts

**Executive Vice President  
for Research Search:  
Finalist 3 Seminar**

**Monday, Jan. 27**

11 a.m. – noon

Scholars Event Theater, Price  
Gilbert Library, and Online

**HR Topics for People  
Leaders: Gallup Q12  
Engagement Survey  
Results**

**Microsoft 365 Teams  
Fundamentals**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 29**  
1 – 2 p.m.

**Caffeinate Your Course:  
Three Ways to Energize  
Teaching for You and Your  
Students**

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